

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JEAN AZOR-EL, et al.

Plaintiffs,

VS.

1:20-cv-03650-KPF

CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants.

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THE ORAL DEPOSITION of DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PATRICIA  
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 or mode of address. Would you prefer</p> <p>2 Commissioner Feeney, Deputy Commissioner Feeney,</p> <p>3 Ms. Feeney, how do you prefer to be addressed?</p> <p>4 A It really doesn't make a difference to me.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A Ms. Feeney, Deputy Commissioner Feeney, it</p> <p>7 doesn't matter.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Deputy Commissioner, saying that each</p> <p>9 time, may be a little long, so I may have say</p> <p>10 Commissioner Feeney or Ms. Feeney, if that's</p> <p>11 okay.</p> <p>12 A All right.</p> <p>13 Q I want to just ask you some preliminary</p> <p>14 questions. Is there any condition, medication,</p> <p>15 substance or illness that would affect your</p> <p>16 ability to recall information --</p> <p>17 A I didn't hear the last part.</p> <p>18 Q Okay, I'll repeat the question. Is there any</p> <p>19 condition, medication, substance or illness</p> <p>20 affecting you that would influence your ability</p> <p>21 to recall information or testify truthfully</p> <p>22 today?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Are you aware of any reason that your deposition</p> <p>25 should not proceed at this time or why you would</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 Correction?</p> <p>2 A Since February of 1992.</p> <p>3 Q And to whom do you report?</p> <p>4 A The commissioner, Commissioner Cynthia Brann.</p> <p>5 Q Commissioner Cynthia Brann, B-r-a-n-n?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And where physically are you today while</p> <p>8 you're giving your testimony?</p> <p>9 A I am at our headquarters in the Bolivar Corporate</p> <p>10 Center.</p> <p>11 Q We are doing this deposition by remote means due</p> <p>12 to the pandemic. We're here via Zoom. I think,</p> <p>13 as all of us have learned via Zoom over the last</p> <p>14 few months, sometimes the Zoom can fade in and</p> <p>15 out. If there is an interruption in the Zoom</p> <p>16 feed and you're not able to hear me, will you let</p> <p>17 me know that?</p> <p>18 A Sure.</p> <p>19 Q And if there is any question that I ask that you</p> <p>20 need me to clarify or ask in a different way,</p> <p>21 will you ask me to do that?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q And so if I ask you a question and you go ahead</p> <p>24 and answer the question without asking for</p> <p>25 clarification, is it fair for us to conclude that</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 not be able to give a deposition?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q You understand that the testimony you're giving</p> <p>4 here in this deposition is under the same oath</p> <p>5 and the same requirements as if you were</p> <p>6 testifying in open court, correct?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Have you ever given a deposition before?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Have those depositions been in connection</p> <p>11 with your functions at the Department of</p> <p>12 Correction?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Commissioner Feeney, what is your present title</p> <p>15 and role at the New York City Department of</p> <p>16 Correction?</p> <p>17 A I am the deputy commissioner for quality</p> <p>18 assurance and integrity, and basically the</p> <p>19 majority of the compliance units report to me, so</p> <p>20 environmental health, fire and safety, the office</p> <p>21 of policy compliance, the compliance and safety</p> <p>22 center, and then the engineering auditor, the</p> <p>23 emergency preparedness unit and the internal</p> <p>24 audit review unit.</p> <p>25 Q How long have you been with the Department of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 you understood the question?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 MR. KEENAN: Julia, could we please</p> <p>4 pull up the 30(b)(6) deposition notice.</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Keenan) And as we introduced before we</p> <p>6 got on the record here, Commissioner Feeney,</p> <p>7 our paralegal and litigation manager, Julia</p> <p>8 Gokhberg, is going to be helping with the</p> <p>9 exhibits here so I'll be calling on her at</p> <p>10 various points today.</p> <p>11 MR. KEENAN: And Mr. Thayer, also if</p> <p>12 you need us to pull up any exhibits for you,</p> <p>13 we're happy to do that.</p> <p>14 (Deposition Exhibit 1 marked.)</p> <p>15 Q (By Mr. Keenan) This will be marked as</p> <p>16 Deposition Exhibit 1, Commissioner Feeney.</p> <p>17 This is a notice of Rule 30(b)(6) deposition.</p> <p>18 Have you seen this document before?</p> <p>19 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>20 Q And you understand that you're here, while you've</p> <p>21 individually taken an oath, you are here to give</p> <p>22 testimony on behalf of the City of New York,</p> <p>23 correct?</p> <p>24 A Yes, I am.</p> <p>25 Q What did you do to prepare for this deposition</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 today?</p> <p>2 A I met with the law department attorneys and the</p> <p>3 DOC attorneys once.</p> <p>4 Q Have you reviewed any documents in preparation</p> <p>5 for today's deposition?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Have you been involved in the production of</p> <p>8 documents in this case?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Generally speaking, you understand that there's a</p> <p>11 list of topics that we are seeking deposition</p> <p>12 testimony on in Exhibit 1, correct?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Do you have an understanding of which topics you</p> <p>15 are here today to testify on?</p> <p>16 A The ones relating to the department's COVID plan.</p> <p>17 Q To the department's COVID plan?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 MR. KEENAN: Okay. So, and David, you</p> <p>20 may be able to help me out on this, I don't know</p> <p>21 that we ever got a formal response to this, which</p> <p>22 it doesn't matter, I just want to know are -- is</p> <p>23 the City producing Deputy Commissioner Feeney on</p> <p>24 all topics today or on specified topics?</p> <p>25 MR. THAYER: On specified topics.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 plan. And the questions regarding the handling</p> <p>2 of inmates testing positive, I can talk about the</p> <p>3 department's part of it but not how CHS medically</p> <p>4 treats inmates.</p> <p>5 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>6 (Brief recess.)</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: So I'm saying that I can</p> <p>8 answer about the handling of positive individuals</p> <p>9 from a custody kind of standpoint but not from a</p> <p>10 medical treatment standpoint.</p> <p>11 MR. KEENAN: Okay.</p> <p>12 MR. THAYER: I just wanted to jump in,</p> <p>13 I'm sorry.</p> <p>14 MR. KEENAN: Go ahead. Please.</p> <p>15 MR. THAYER: I also wanted to relay</p> <p>16 that we're producing Ms. Feeney with respect to</p> <p>17 one and three, one being the organizational</p> <p>18 structure of the Rikers Island's facilities, and</p> <p>19 three being the -- at least with respect to the</p> <p>20 New York City Department of Correction's</p> <p>21 policies, procedures and guidelines related to</p> <p>22 COVID-19.</p> <p>23 MR. KEENAN: Okay. So we'll go through</p> <p>24 those just to be clear. Julia, if we could go to</p> <p>25 number one.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 MR. KEENAN: Okay. Do you want to</p> <p>2 just -- to shortcut this, I don't want to ask</p> <p>3 Commissioner Feeney to guess. What topics --</p> <p>4 I'll just ask you, what topics is the City</p> <p>5 producing Commissioner Feeney on today?</p> <p>6 MR. THAYER: Sure. Let me scroll over</p> <p>7 to my own version of this. So I think Ms. Feeney</p> <p>8 is able to speak about, as she just indicated,</p> <p>9 the policies and procedures and guidelines</p> <p>10 applicable to Rikers Island facilities relating</p> <p>11 to the COVID-19 pandemic. That is number four.</p> <p>12 I understand her to be able to testify</p> <p>13 to Rikers' policies and procedures regarding the</p> <p>14 handling of inmates testing positive for</p> <p>15 COVID-19. That's number eight.</p> <p>16 And those who are -- I think within</p> <p>17 that, those who are vulnerable to contracting</p> <p>18 COVID. That would be number nine.</p> <p>19 And I think that is it.</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. Commissioner Feeney,</p> <p>21 you heard Mr. Thayer specify that you're here</p> <p>22 today to present testimony on topics four,</p> <p>23 eight and nine. Is that your understanding?</p> <p>24 A Yeah. I could answer questions about ten if it's</p> <p>25 related to the COVID, the department's scope and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Ms. Feeney, number one is the</p> <p>2 organizational structure of the Rikers Island</p> <p>3 facilities. You are prepared today to testify</p> <p>4 as to that, correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And then number three, as to the New York City</p> <p>7 Department of Correction, you are prepared to</p> <p>8 testify as to Department of Correction, or DOC's,</p> <p>9 policies, procedures and guidelines related to</p> <p>10 COVID-19, correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And then topic four, I'm not going to read all of</p> <p>13 that into the record, but you can see it here,</p> <p>14 correct? Are you able to see topic four,</p> <p>15 Ms. Feeney?</p> <p>16 A Yes, I can.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. You're here today and prepared to testify</p> <p>18 as to the matters set forth in topic four?</p> <p>19 A Except for the medical treatment protocol.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Everything except subparagraph 4-H,</p> <p>21 correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 MR. KEENAN: And let's go to the next</p> <p>24 page, if we could, please, Julia.</p> <p>25 Q (By Mr. Thayer) And topic number eight,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 "Rikers' policies and procedures on the 2 treatment and handling of inmates testing 3 positive for COVID-19." Ms. Feeney, you are 4 prepared to testify as to that topic, correct? 5 A As to the DOC handling of the individuals but not 6 their medical treatment, yes. 7 Q All right. And then topic nine, "Rikers' 8 policies and procedures on the treatment and 9 handling of inmates vulnerable to contracting 10 COVID-19, including but not limited to inmates 11 with pre-existing conditions, respiratory 12 conditions and compromised immunity." 13 Are you prepared today to testify as to 14 that topic with respect to the DOC? 15 A Yes. 16 Q Okay. Is there anything I've missed that you're 17 here to testify as to? 18 A I think that's it. 19 MR. KEENAN: Okay. David, anything I 20 missed there? 21 MR. THAYER: I think that, to the 22 extent that there may be overlap to some of the 23 other topics and the topics we've identified, I 24 think Ms. Feeney will be able to testify towards 25 those, but I think that encapsulates the heart of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 members. 2 Q (By Mr. Keenan) And then Cynthia Brann is the 3 commissioner of correction, correct? 4 A Yes. 5 Q And she is in overall charge of the Department of 6 Correction, right? 7 A Yes. 8 Q So we understand the structure of the Department 9 of Correction, Rikers Island encapsulates most of 10 the detention and correctional facilities 11 operated by the City of New York, correct? 12 A Yes. 13 Q There are various other facilities located 14 elsewhere in the city, correct? 15 A Yes. 16 Q There's the Manhattan Detention Center, which is 17 also known as The Tombs, correct? 18 A Yes. 19 Q Okay. It is still in operation at this time, 20 right? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Is there a plan to reduce operation at the 23 Manhattan Detention Center or reduce the number 24 of inmates being held there? 25 A Yes. We're closing the facility.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Ms. Feeney's expected testimony. 2 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And we're going to be 3 talking a lot, obviously, today, Ms. Feeney, 4 about the policies in place at Rikers. My 5 questions are directed to Rikers generally, all 6 of the units at Rikers unless I specify 7 otherwise. So I just wanted to make sure we 8 have that understanding. 9 A Okay. 10 Q Some quick background questions. 11 A I can't hear you. 12 (Reporter interruption.) 13 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Some quick background 14 questions. Can you identify who Hazel Jennings 15 is? 16 A She's our chief of department. 17 Q And can you tell us what Ms. Jennings does? 18 A She is the highest ranking uniformed member of 19 the department. She oversees all of the 20 uniformed facilities and uniformed staff members. 21 MR. KEENAN: Ms. Tate, did you get 22 that? 23 THE COURT REPORTER: No, I didn't get 24 the last word. 25 THE WITNESS: Staff, uniform staff</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 Q When is that occurring? 2 A Before the end of the year. I don't have an 3 exact date. 4 Q Okay. Does that relate to COVID-19 or is it just 5 part of the long-term general planned closure of 6 the facility? 7 A It's part of the long-term plan to build the new 8 borough-based jails. 9 Q Other than Rikers and the Manhattan Detention 10 Center, are there any -- are there any other 11 correctional facilities that the City operates 12 other than simply a short-term lockup located at 13 a police precinct? 14 A Yes, we have the Vernon C. Bain Center in the 15 Bronx. 16 Q And which inmates does that location house? 17 A They're detainee inmates. 18 Q Is there any difference between who is sent to 19 Center in the Bronx and who's sent to Rikers or 20 NVC? 21 A The facilities generally get admissions from the 22 boroughs that they're -- that they're in, and 23 VCBC is getting new admission -- is getting new 24 admission inmates right now. 25 Q All right. Is the facility in the Bronx slated</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 to be closed?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And so there are no plans to close or</p> <p>4 reduce inmate population at this time at the --</p> <p>5 at the Center in the Bronx?</p> <p>6 A Not at this time, no.</p> <p>7 Q The inmates who are presently housed in the</p> <p>8 Manhattan Detention Center, are they going to</p> <p>9 have to be re-aligned to being housed in Rikers?</p> <p>10 A Or in VCBC, yes.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And there's been no addition of space or</p> <p>12 construction of new housing units either in the</p> <p>13 Bronx or at Rikers, correct?</p> <p>14 A No. It will be the number of closed housing</p> <p>15 areas that we're going to open to bring the new</p> <p>16 inmates into.</p> <p>17 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>18 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Is DOC -- and I'll speak</p> <p>19 generally about DOC, and I assume this applies</p> <p>20 to Rikers unless you tell me otherwise, is DOC,</p> <p>21 including its operations at Rikers, accredited</p> <p>22 by any accrediting organizations such as the</p> <p>23 American Correctional Association or the</p> <p>24 National Commission on Healthcare and</p> <p>25 Corrections?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 those guidelines?</p> <p>2 A The CDC is one of the preeminent public health</p> <p>3 agencies in the country.</p> <p>4 Q And same question with respect to the New York</p> <p>5 State and New York City departments of health,</p> <p>6 why are you looking to their guidelines and</p> <p>7 guidance in developing your COVID-19 --</p> <p>8 A Again, they're public health experts.</p> <p>9 Q And would you agree with me that the CDC, the New</p> <p>10 York State Department of Health and the New York</p> <p>11 City Department of Health have greater expertise</p> <p>12 in public health response in dealing with</p> <p>13 pandemics than the DOC has in-house?</p> <p>14 A Yes. That's why we run most of our plans through</p> <p>15 the health department and the city.</p> <p>16 Q And when you said you run most of your plans</p> <p>17 through the health department and the city, can</p> <p>18 you tell us what you mean by running it through</p> <p>19 the health department?</p> <p>20 A So like when we're working to reopen services,</p> <p>21 our plans are reviewed by the health department</p> <p>22 and we work with them to make sure that we have</p> <p>23 the best plans that we can to keep our staff and</p> <p>24 individuals safe.</p> <p>25 Q Commissioner Feeney, would you agree that the DOC</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q All right. Is DOC seeking accreditation by any</p> <p>3 accrediting agency or organization?</p> <p>4 A Not to my knowledge, no.</p> <p>5 Q Why not?</p> <p>6 A I think that we're waiting to seek accreditation</p> <p>7 in the new facilities.</p> <p>8 Q If DOC sought accreditation at this time, do you</p> <p>9 believe you would not obtain accreditation for</p> <p>10 some reason?</p> <p>11 A I haven't looked at the accreditation standards</p> <p>12 in quite some time, so I'm not sure.</p> <p>13 Q In dealing with COVID-19 --</p> <p>14 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>15 Q -- what standards have you looked to, and when I</p> <p>16 say "you," I mean the Department of Correction,</p> <p>17 what standards or guidance has the DOC looked to</p> <p>18 in developing its response to COVID-19?</p> <p>19 A The CDC guidelines, the New York State Department</p> <p>20 of Health guidelines, and the New York City</p> <p>21 Health Department guidelines.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Anything else?</p> <p>23 A No, I think that's it.</p> <p>24 Q Tell us why the DOC has looked to the CDC</p> <p>25 guidelines, what -- what importance you place in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 has a duty to inform itself about public health</p> <p>2 threats?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And would you agree that the DOC has a</p> <p>5 duty to seek advice from competent healthcare</p> <p>6 professionals?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Would you agree that the DOC has a duty to</p> <p>9 explore what the available alternatives are for</p> <p>10 dealing with public health threats?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And would you agree with me that the DOC has a</p> <p>13 duty to act based on facts and not just based on</p> <p>14 assumptions?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Would you agree that the DOC has a duty to</p> <p>17 consult national, state and local public health</p> <p>18 guidance in responding to COVID-19?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Would you agree with me that the DOC has a duty</p> <p>21 to keep Rikers Island safe and sanitary?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Would you agree the DOC has a duty to keep both</p> <p>24 staff and inmates safe?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Q Would you agree that the DOC has a duty to update 2 or reconsider its protocols when circumstances 3 have changed?</p> <p>4 A I'm sorry, you broke up. And I didn't hear the 5 whole question.</p> <p>6 Q So would you agree with me the DOC has a duty to 7 update or reconsider its protocols if 8 circumstances have changed?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Would you agree with me that it's not enough just 11 to have policies on paper, the DOC needs to 12 enforce the policies?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q And would you agree with me that in order to 15 ensure the policies are actually being enforced 16 and implemented, the DOC and its management have 17 a duty to monitor whether staff and inmates are 18 complying with policies?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And the DOC has a duty to take action if people 21 are not complying with policies?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q When was the first time that DOC received 24 information about COVID-19 being a potential 25 health threat?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Why don't we just briefly go through the four 2 pages of that so you can see every page of it.</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q Having seen all four pages of Exhibit 2, 5 Commissioner Feeney, do you recognize this as an 6 affidavit that you executed on March 26, 2020?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Would you agree with me that COVID-19 9 poses a serious threat of harm or even death to 10 people who contract it?</p> <p>11 A Yes, it can.</p> <p>12 Q And would you agree with me that COVID-19 is a 13 serious health threat and safety threat?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Let's go to page 2. Okay?</p> <p>16 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q I want to ask you about hand hygiene. This talks 18 about some guidance. Let's go to the prior page 19 if we could, Julia.</p> <p>20 So your affidavit says: As part of the 21 ongoing efforts to contain the spread of 22 COVID-19, the DOC has implemented various 23 measures communicated then to staff and persons 24 in custody. These recommendations include the 25 following.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A I think we had our first meeting about it in 2 February. We were meeting to update our pandemic 3 plan.</p> <p>4 Q Did DOC already have a pandemic plan at that 5 time?</p> <p>6 A Yes, we did.</p> <p>7 Q Has DOC ever responded to any prior epidemic or 8 pandemic?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q What epidemics or pandemics has DOT responded to?</p> <p>11 A H1N1 was the most recent pandemic.</p> <p>12 Q And so you had a pandemic plan at that time?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Is that correct?</p> <p>15 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 Q And then did you go about updating that plan?</p> <p>17 A Yes, we did.</p> <p>18 MR. KEENAN: I want to bring up a 19 series of affidavits. Julia, if we could bring 20 up the March 26, 2020 affidavit of Deputy 21 Commissioner Feeney. This will be Exhibit 2. 22 (Deposition Exhibit 2 marked.)</p> <p>23 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Commissioner Feeney, this is 24 going to be marked as Exhibit 2. It is an 25 affidavit that you executed in March of 2020.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 And then I'm paraphrasing here, but 2 then we go to the next page, and it says in 3 subparagraph D, "Hand hygiene - wash hands 4 frequently with soap and water. If soap and 5 water are not available, the use of alcohol based 6 hand sanitizer shall be employed. Only staff may 7 carry hand sanitizer per DOC policy."</p> <p>8 Did I read that correctly?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Would you agree with me that hand hygiene 11 is critical in stopping the spread of COVID-19?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And why do you suggest or has DOC suggested the 14 use of hand sanitizer?</p> <p>15 A We only suggest the use of hand sanitizer when 16 washing with soap and water in a sink is not 17 available per CDC guidelines. It's much better 18 to wash your hands with soap and water. And 19 after you physically remove the virus from your 20 hands, then to use hand sanitizer.</p> <p>21 Q You acknowledge in your affidavit that a sink to 22 wash your hands with soap and water is not always 23 necessarily going to be available to staff and 24 inmates at Rikers, correct?</p> <p>25 A For the staff, definitely not. To the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 incarcerated individuals, it is most of the time.</p> <p>2 Q How do you know that?</p> <p>3 A Because I worked here and toured the jails for</p> <p>4 many years and I know that there are sinks with</p> <p>5 soap and water in every cell and every housing</p> <p>6 area.</p> <p>7 I know that the intakes have sinks with</p> <p>8 soap and water in them, as do the clinics. There</p> <p>9 are inmate bathrooms in areas like social</p> <p>10 services, although during COVID, the individual</p> <p>11 separate staying in their housing area.</p> <p>12 Additionally, we do audits every day.</p> <p>13 The captains audit each one of their areas three</p> <p>14 times during an eight-hour tour.</p> <p>15 And in addition to that, my staff and</p> <p>16 the bureau chief of facility operations staff</p> <p>17 conducts additional tours of additional audits so</p> <p>18 we're basically auditing the audits to ensure</p> <p>19 that there's soap at every sink, that the sinks</p> <p>20 are operable, that we have adequate sanitizing</p> <p>21 solution, and that PPE is available.</p> <p>22 Q Why does DOC not make hand sanitizer available to</p> <p>23 inmates?</p> <p>24 A Because it has 60 percent alcohol in it and it's</p> <p>25 highly flammable so it's dangerous.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 too many people in the bathroom. And one of the</p> <p>2 questions that we ask on the audit is: Are there</p> <p>3 any complaints that the incarcerated individuals</p> <p>4 have about what's going on in the area.</p> <p>5 Q You said that you have received or heard of</p> <p>6 reports of people drinking hand sanitizer in</p> <p>7 other jurisdictions. Which reports are --</p> <p>8 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Which reports have you heard</p> <p>10 and in what jurisdictions?</p> <p>11 A I don't know the specifics of which ones off the</p> <p>12 top of my head.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know if those -- so you don't -- you don't</p> <p>14 have the details of what happened or what facts</p> <p>15 were those supposed scenarios, correct?</p> <p>16 A No, not with me.</p> <p>17 Q Has anyone in DOC's custody ever drunk hand</p> <p>18 sanitizer?</p> <p>19 A I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q You're not aware of any situation ever in which</p> <p>21 anybody in DOC custody has drunk hand sanitizer,</p> <p>22 correct?</p> <p>23 MR. THAYER: Objection. You can</p> <p>24 answer, Ms. Feeney.</p> <p>25 A I don't know. Like medical staff doesn't always</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 And also, in other jurisdictions there</p> <p>2 have been reports of individuals drinking the</p> <p>3 hand sanitizer for the alcohol content.</p> <p>4 And since soap and water is available</p> <p>5 at the sinks, it's a risk that we don't want to</p> <p>6 take.</p> <p>7 Q You mentioned sinks. Isn't it the case that one</p> <p>8 means of responding to COVID-19 is that people</p> <p>9 are supposed to engage in social distancing and</p> <p>10 not congregate in spaces?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Sinks in congregate spaces, if people are</p> <p>13 all trying to wash their hands at the same time,</p> <p>14 run the risk of people congregating and not being</p> <p>15 able to socially distance, correct?</p> <p>16 A Well, I've been touring the jail daily and weekly</p> <p>17 since COVID started and have never seen a long</p> <p>18 line at any of the sinks for individuals to wash</p> <p>19 their hands. But I guess, theoretically, that</p> <p>20 would be correct.</p> <p>21 Q And it might well be that the reason you haven't</p> <p>22 seen a long line is that people don't want to</p> <p>23 congregate, right?</p> <p>24 A I have not had anybody tell me that they haven't</p> <p>25 been able to wash their hands because there are</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 give us information about inmates' medical</p> <p>2 conditions.</p> <p>3 Q (By Mr. Keenan) But you -- you, as you sit</p> <p>4 here today, are not aware of any instance of</p> <p>5 that ever happening, are you?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Are you aware of any instance ever in</p> <p>8 which an inmate in DOC custody has lit hand</p> <p>9 sanitizer on fire?</p> <p>10 A We don't give them access to it, so no.</p> <p>11 Q What means -- do inmates have access to lighters</p> <p>12 or matches such that they could light hand</p> <p>13 sanitizer on fire if they wanted to?</p> <p>14 A They should not, but they are -- they have set</p> <p>15 fires with batteries and wires.</p> <p>16 Q How many fires have been set in Rikers in the</p> <p>17 past month?</p> <p>18 A A couple. I don't know the actual number.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. How many inmates are there at Rikers right</p> <p>20 now?</p> <p>21 A Approximately 7,000.</p> <p>22 Q Let's go to paragraph 8e. This talks about</p> <p>23 social distancing strategies that have been</p> <p>24 employed. In dormitory style settings --</p> <p>25 A Uh-huh.</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Q -- what -- are people actually sleeping at least 2 six feet apart from each other?</p> <p>3 A In some instances. In some instances we 4 recommend that they sleep head to toe. We've 5 been predominantly keeping the inmates in kind of 6 the same group of inmates. We haven't been 7 transferring them out a lot, and we have not had 8 a case of transmission in the jail since 9 May 19th. The only positive cases have been new 10 admission inmates.</p> <p>11 Q You do not test current inmates, correct?</p> <p>12 A You would have to ask medical for the reason that 13 they test. But if someone is symptomatic, they 14 would get tested.</p> <p>15 Q But there's no -- there is no program in place 16 for the regular testing or even random testing of 17 inmates who are in Rikers, correct?</p> <p>18 A You would have to ask the medical staff that 19 question.</p> <p>20 Q But -- but you're not aware -- you're not aware 21 of that, are you?</p> <p>22 A No, but the medical staff wouldn't necessarily 23 tell me that.</p> <p>24 Q Who's in charge of medical staff at Rikers?</p> <p>25 A Drs. Patsy Yang and Dr. Ross McDonald.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 well?</p> <p>2 A The majority of our individuals in custody right 3 now I believe are violent -- 4 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>5 A For violent crimes; the majority of them are 6 felony arrests at this point.</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Keenan) That's a majority, but it's 8 not everybody, correct?</p> <p>9 A Correct.</p> <p>10 Q All right. Why is it that at least six feet of 11 distance is not being maintained in every 12 dormitory setting?</p> <p>13 A In some instances, the beds are bolted to the 14 floor so that's why we suggest they sleep head to 15 toe. We've been bringing more housing areas on 16 line so that we can clean out housing areas that 17 are a little higher in occupancy.</p> <p>18 Q Which housing areas have you been brought back on 19 line?</p> <p>20 A We're working on the one in EMTC to bring back on 21 line; they're working in RNDC.</p> <p>22 Q How many additional beds or space for how many 23 additional inmates are you going to be able to 24 bring back on line by reopening some of these 25 closed facilities?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>2 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Can we hear those names again?</p> <p>3 A Patsy Yang and Ross McDonald.</p> <p>4 Q McDonald or McDonnelly?</p> <p>5 A McDonald.</p> <p>6 Q McDonald, okay. So back to my question of social 7 distancing. Are people actually sleeping at 8 least six feet apart from each other in 9 dormitories or not?</p> <p>10 A Not every dormitory, no.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Does the DOC have in place a set of 12 processes or standards for deciding whether DOC 13 is going to release certain inmates in order to 14 relieve the number of people in Rikers?</p> <p>15 A There's a work release program that the 16 commissioner can identify people to participate 17 in. And the medical staff identified and 18 recommended that a certain number of individuals 19 be released due to their medical condition and 20 that is going through the appropriate legal 21 process, and approximately 1500 individuals were 22 released.</p> <p>23 Q Are all of the people in Rikers who are being 24 detained people with violent criminal records, or 25 are there some people with non-violent records as</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 A I don't know offhand.</p> <p>2 Q You said you don't know offhand?</p> <p>3 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q Where will we find that out?</p> <p>5 A Custody management.</p> <p>6 Q What is the timeline for bringing these 7 facilities back on line?</p> <p>8 A I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Is the reason that there's not at least 10 six feet of distance between everybody in 11 dormitory setting basically a space issue; 12 there's just presently not enough space?</p> <p>13 A I'm not sure that that's correct. I know that, 14 like I said, they've been transferring housing 15 areas in cohorts and we have been trying not to 16 move people, but I don't necessarily know that 17 it's we don't have space to put other people.</p> <p>18 Q And --</p> <p>19 A If we needed to, we can open EMTC also, so we 20 have beds.</p> <p>21 Q What is EMTC?</p> <p>22 A One of the jails.</p> <p>23 Q And -- and it's presently closed?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q How come it hasn't been reopened yet?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 A Well, we opened it during COVID, that's where we</p> <p>2 housed symptomatic and positive individuals. And</p> <p>3 when that number went down so that those</p> <p>4 individuals could be housed in west facility, the</p> <p>5 facility, we would be able to open it anytime we</p> <p>6 needed it.</p> <p>7 Q And if it's closed right now and you have people</p> <p>8 who are presently sleeping less than six feet</p> <p>9 apart from each other, how come you don't reopen</p> <p>10 it right now in order to thin out the population</p> <p>11 so people can distance?</p> <p>12 A So I think we have to look at the COVID plan as a</p> <p>13 whole, and, as I said, we haven't had a case of</p> <p>14 transmission since May 19th within the</p> <p>15 facilities, so I don't necessarily think that the</p> <p>16 number of individuals in the housing area right</p> <p>17 now --</p> <p>18 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>19 A -- is harmful.</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Keenan) So DOC has basically made a</p> <p>21 judgment at this point that it's not necessary</p> <p>22 to have at least six feet of distancing because</p> <p>23 you haven't had a reported case of in-facility</p> <p>24 transmission since May?</p> <p>25 A That's not what I said, but I'm saying you have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 and protocols are in place for how they are</p> <p>2 housed and interacting with people during those</p> <p>3 14 days?</p> <p>4 A So they're housed by classification so some are</p> <p>5 in dorms and some are in cells.</p> <p>6 Q And is that classification according to</p> <p>7 dangerousness or their record, or how are they</p> <p>8 classified for dormitory versus cell housing?</p> <p>9 A It's a -- it's a whole system. It deals with</p> <p>10 what their charges are, what previous charges</p> <p>11 within the last seven years were, what their age</p> <p>12 is, do they have an infraction history. So</p> <p>13 there's a whole bunch of things that go into</p> <p>14 their classification.</p> <p>15 Q Other than the admission of -- or the testing of</p> <p>16 new inmates --</p> <p>17 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q -- does DOC do any other testing for COVID?</p> <p>19 A DOC does not test for COVID. CHS tests for</p> <p>20 COVID.</p> <p>21 Q Does CHS do any other testing for COVID?</p> <p>22 A As I said, you would have to ask them. Other</p> <p>23 than for symptomatic inmates, I don't know what</p> <p>24 their protocol is.</p> <p>25 Q DOC has not implemented a regimen for testing</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 to look at the whole -- the whole COVID plan as a</p> <p>2 whole --</p> <p>3 Q What --</p> <p>4 A -- is successful.</p> <p>5 Q How do you define success, Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>6 A That we haven't had transmission in the facility</p> <p>7 since May.</p> <p>8 Q Have you had any kind of transmission?</p> <p>9 A New admission inmates coming in when they get</p> <p>10 tested when they come in to the system have been</p> <p>11 positive, but not among our inmates who have been</p> <p>12 here.</p> <p>13 Q Do you test every inmate upon admission?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And until you get the test results back, what are</p> <p>16 the protocols in place for housing those people</p> <p>17 while you're waiting on it?</p> <p>18 A So they're housed in new admission housing where</p> <p>19 they remain for at least 14 days and their COVID</p> <p>20 test returns, and the individuals don't get moved</p> <p>21 to other housing until the CHS staff clear them</p> <p>22 to be moved.</p> <p>23 Q While inmates are in the new admissions housing</p> <p>24 for the 14 days, are they in isolation or are</p> <p>25 they housed with other inmates? What procedures</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 staff, has it?</p> <p>2 A No. We set up an agreement with Northwell and</p> <p>3 they do our testing for us. We did send staff on</p> <p>4 to go get tested, but there is no mandatory</p> <p>5 testing. But we do screening of everybody that</p> <p>6 enters the facility.</p> <p>7 Q And how do you do that?</p> <p>8 A There's a series of questions. They fill out a</p> <p>9 form, there's a series of questions that deal</p> <p>10 with COVID-related symptoms and have you been</p> <p>11 around somebody who had COVID.</p> <p>12 And then your temperature is checked.</p> <p>13 If you have a temperature of 100.4 or greater,</p> <p>14 you're not allowed into the facility and you have</p> <p>15 to report to your medical doctor. And then you</p> <p>16 have to get cleared by the health management</p> <p>17 division to return to work.</p> <p>18 Q Are all staff, do they have their temperatures</p> <p>19 taken every day when they report?</p> <p>20 A Yes. Those that report to the jails, yes.</p> <p>21 Q Let's go to the April 2nd, 2020 affidavit.</p> <p>22 A I'm sorry, I can't hear you.</p> <p>23 MR. KEENAN: Sure. Let's go to the --</p> <p>24 Julia, let's go to the April 2nd affidavit. This</p> <p>25 will be Exhibit 3. And let's just go through all</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 the pages there.</p> <p>2 (Deposition Exhibit 3 marked.)</p> <p>3 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Commissioner Sweeny, do you --</p> <p>4 I'm sorry, Feeney. Apologies.</p> <p>5 A No problem.</p> <p>6 Q Commissioner Feeney, do you recognize Exhibit 3?</p> <p>7 A Yes. It's another one of the affidavits I wrote.</p> <p>8 Q Exhibit 3 is an affidavit that you executed on</p> <p>9 April 2nd, 2020?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Let's go to paragraph 8, please. Paragraph 8</p> <p>12 says: ...DOC's policy is to provide every</p> <p>13 individual in custody with their own bar of soap</p> <p>14 and access to cleaning supplies in the housing</p> <p>15 area janitor's closet including, but not limited</p> <p>16 to: Disinfectant, mold and mildew cleaner,</p> <p>17 general cleaner, and floor cleaner, and cleaner</p> <p>18 without grit.</p> <p>19 Did I read that correctly?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q And -- just getting to the right place here.</p> <p>22 What type of soap is distributed to inmates?</p> <p>23 A Bar soap.</p> <p>24 Q Bar soap, okay. Is it an antibacterial soap or</p> <p>25 some other kind of soap, or do you know what kind</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 A Okay, I don't know the actual number.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Well, what I'm trying to understand is is</p> <p>3 there just one janitor's closet available to all</p> <p>4 the inmates in a given housing unit?</p> <p>5 A So there's one janitor's closet for each side of</p> <p>6 the housing area, or if there's one janitor</p> <p>7 closet, it has twice the number of supplies.</p> <p>8 Q So how many janitors' -- like, for instance, if I</p> <p>9 want to get a canister or a spray bottle of</p> <p>10 disinfectant, how many spray bottles or canisters</p> <p>11 of disinfectant are available for every hundred</p> <p>12 inmates?</p> <p>13 A The disinfectant is provided in a dispenser and</p> <p>14 the dilution, it's got a very strong dilution</p> <p>15 ratio so it's a bottle of the concentrated</p> <p>16 sanitizer that the dispenser dilutes. And the</p> <p>17 individuals get it in a bucket. We don't use</p> <p>18 spray bottles for disinfectant.</p> <p>19 Q So in order -- if you want to get a disinfectant</p> <p>20 in order to wipe down your cell or your bed or a</p> <p>21 high-touch surface such as a doorknob, you</p> <p>22 have -- what are the steps you have to go through</p> <p>23 to do that as an inmate?</p> <p>24 A You say to the officer, I would like to clean and</p> <p>25 sanitize whatever, and the officer will unlock</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 of soap it is?</p> <p>2 A I'm not sure what kind of soap it is. It's made</p> <p>3 by Corcraft.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Made by corporate you said?</p> <p>5 A Corcraft.</p> <p>6 Q Spell that for us, please.</p> <p>7 A C-o-r-c-r-a-f-t.</p> <p>8 Q Do inmates -- are cleaning supplies available</p> <p>9 only at one central place in each housing unit or</p> <p>10 are they dispersed throughout the housing units?</p> <p>11 A They are locked in the janitor's closet and</p> <p>12 there's a bucket of sanitizer that, since COVID,</p> <p>13 we have been leaving out for folks to sanitize</p> <p>14 the phone before use if they want to.</p> <p>15 But anytime an individual has out of</p> <p>16 soap, they can ask for any of the cleaning</p> <p>17 supplies to clean their own bed or a cell area.</p> <p>18 And then we have the house detail that's trained</p> <p>19 in cleaning and sanitizing procedures that does</p> <p>20 the general cleaning and sanitizing of the</p> <p>21 housing units.</p> <p>22 Q So let's take NIC as an example. How many people</p> <p>23 are in NIC?</p> <p>24 A Oh, I don't know off the top of my head.</p> <p>25 Q Several hundred?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 the janitor closet and provide you with the</p> <p>2 supplies. When you're done with the cleaning,</p> <p>3 you return the supplies, clean them, and they are</p> <p>4 again secured in the janitor closet.</p> <p>5 Q And basically only one inmate can do this at a</p> <p>6 time, right?</p> <p>7 A No. Multiple inmates can do it at a time.</p> <p>8 Q How many?</p> <p>9 A There are four mop -- mop buckets and mops, and</p> <p>10 there are six sponges and six green scouring</p> <p>11 pads, so multiple people can do it at a time.</p> <p>12 Q But those -- those sponges and green scouring</p> <p>13 pads are reused?</p> <p>14 A Yes. When you're done, you place them in a</p> <p>15 bucket with the sanitizing solution so they get</p> <p>16 sanitized prior to the next use.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A So after ten minutes, they're good to go.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. So any given sponge or scouring pad has to</p> <p>20 be sitting there for ten minutes before it can be</p> <p>21 reused, correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Has the department considered acquiring sanitary</p> <p>24 wipes, such as Clorox wipes, or something, or</p> <p>25 Lysol wipes to distribute to inmates?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 A We have some wipes, but we don't generally give 2 them to the incarcerated individuals because they 3 end up getting stuck down toilets and it will 4 clog the toilet. So if we use the liquid cleaner 5 and sanitizer, we don't have to worry about 6 clogging the toilets.</p> <p>7 Q How many instances of clogged toilets in the last 8 month have you had because of a wipe?</p> <p>9 A Well, we haven't given them out to the 10 individuals in the last month, but we did do a 11 project in the courts probably a year, year 12 and-a-half ago, where we had the hand sanitizer 13 wipes, not the cleaning sanitizer, and they were 14 constantly being flushed in the toilet.</p> <p>15 Q You said you did a project in the -- in the 16 courts?</p> <p>17 A Yes. In the Bronx courts.</p> <p>18 Q Tell us about that project.</p> <p>19 A Well, it was just that. We were trying to see if 20 it was easier to hand out sanitizing wipes 21 instead of having bar soap in the court pen, and 22 all it ended up really doing was creating a lot 23 of clogged toilets.</p> <p>24 Q Have you ever experimented or tried distributing 25 sanitizing wipes since COVID started?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Give me an example of that.</p> <p>2 A So dispensers in kitchens and in bathrooms, the 3 dispensers we have in the janitor closets will 4 get vandalized if the door is left unlocked.</p> <p>5 Q Have you explored having secured dispensers or 6 dispensers that are not easy to fashion into 7 weapons?</p> <p>8 A These are secured -- 9 (Reporter interruption.)</p> <p>10 A These are secure dispensers.</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Keenan) What about have you ever just 12 personally gotten a bottle of -- or a canister 13 of Clorox wipes or Lysol wipes, you know they 14 come in kind of a plastic, softish plastic 15 canister, have you ever seen one of those?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Have you ever seen one of those be 18 fashioned into a weapon?</p> <p>19 A We don't give them to them so no, I haven't seen 20 them fashioned into a weapon.</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A Again, there's no reason to give them sanitizing 23 wipes. We have plenty of Virex 256 sanitizer 24 that's effective against COVID.</p> <p>25 Q Does have Virex 256 sanitizer have any substances</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 A Not to the incarcerated individuals, no.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Have you explored simply instructing 3 people that they should throw any used sanitary 4 wipes into a trash can and making more trash cans 5 available?</p> <p>6 A Well, there is no reason for us to provide 7 sanitizing wipes because we have adequate 8 sanitizer in the janitor closet. So we have 9 plenty of sanitizer available for the population.</p> <p>10 Q In order to go get the sanitizer, an inmate has 11 to interact face-to-face with a correctional 12 officer, right?</p> <p>13 A That would be the same process with the wipes, 14 any wipes.</p> <p>15 Q Unless you distributed them to inmates generally 16 or put them in dispensers, right?</p> <p>17 A Yeah, we probably we could do that, but 18 dispensers could be broken up into weapons, so we 19 tend to not put dispensers out where the 20 population lives. A dispenser would be locked in 21 the janitor closet also.</p> <p>22 Q Have you ever had a dispenser at Rikers, had an 23 instance of a dispenser for items being made into 24 a weapon?</p> <p>25 A Sure, many times.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 in it that could be intoxicating?</p> <p>2 A Not to my knowledge. It's ammonia, it's not an 3 alcohol-based product.</p> <p>4 Q Have you explored having a system in place where 5 correctional officers can distribute hand 6 sanitizer directly to inmates upon their request, 7 Hey, I just want a squirt of hand sanitizer?</p> <p>8 A No. There's no reason for them to have the hand 9 sanitizer. We have sinks with soap and water.</p> <p>10 Q Every --</p> <p>11 A The CDC recommends that you use a sink with soap 12 and water. The hand sanitizer is only 13 recommended to be used when a sink is not 14 available.</p> <p>15 Q Are there inmates who are on work details at 16 Rikers?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And when they're on work detail, they are 19 circulating throughout a housing unit in much the 20 same way as a staff member would, right?</p> <p>21 A No. Well, the house detail would live in the 22 housing area. There are only very few instances 23 where we have an outside inmate detail work 24 inside a housing unit.</p> <p>25 Q During a given work detail, it's certainly</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 possible that an inmate wouldn't necessarily have</p> <p>2 immediate access to a sink to wash their hands,</p> <p>3 right, because they're working?</p> <p>4 A Well, no. There are bathrooms available for them</p> <p>5 to use while they're working so they could wash</p> <p>6 their hands in that bathroom.</p> <p>7 Q Would that be the case with staff as well?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q So why -- why do you issue hand sanitizer to</p> <p>10 staff then but not to inmates who are on a work</p> <p>11 detail?</p> <p>12 A Because staff have cart or posts, they have</p> <p>13 recreation posts. They have posts where they do</p> <p>14 not have access to a sink with soap and water.</p> <p>15 Q Are you --</p> <p>16 A We have the security posts that are outside, so</p> <p>17 there are lots of posts where an officer does not</p> <p>18 have access to a sink and that's where we</p> <p>19 distribute the hand sanitizer.</p> <p>20 Q Does every inmate in Rikers have access to a sink</p> <p>21 with soap and water in a non-congregate setting,</p> <p>22 like not a collective bathroom, a sink that they</p> <p>23 can go use individually while observing social</p> <p>24 distancing, does every single inmate have</p> <p>25 continuous access to a sink like that?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 A Each individual has their own bar soap, plus we</p> <p>2 put additional bar soap on each sink.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. In order to use the sink, do you have to</p> <p>4 handle the sink, like turn a knob or something</p> <p>5 like that?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And I know we're getting into the details</p> <p>8 of washing one's hands, but it seems important</p> <p>9 here. If you go and wash your hands and you're</p> <p>10 using bar soap, unless you have an individual bar</p> <p>11 of soap with you, you're using bar soap that</p> <p>12 someone else has used, right?</p> <p>13 A As I said, every individual has their own bar of</p> <p>14 soap, but we do put additional soap in the</p> <p>15 bathroom in case they forgot theirs.</p> <p>16 Q So if you don't have your individual soap with</p> <p>17 you, you have to use soap that someone else has</p> <p>18 used, right?</p> <p>19 A Or you can ask the correctional officer for</p> <p>20 another bar of soap. We have boxes of soap in</p> <p>21 every housing unit.</p> <p>22 Q And in order to turn on the sink, you have to</p> <p>23 handle the knobs of the sink, correct?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q They're not automated sinks?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 A Except for when they're walking in corridors or</p> <p>2 it's hours for rec, yes.</p> <p>3 Q What about inmates who are housed in dormitory</p> <p>4 settings who don't have a sink in their cell,</p> <p>5 where do they -- where do they access a sink?</p> <p>6 A They go to the bathroom where we have multiple</p> <p>7 sinks.</p> <p>8 Q And isn't it the case that a bathroom is a</p> <p>9 confined space and you might -- the bathroom</p> <p>10 might be full at any given point in time?</p> <p>11 A Since COVID started, only four individuals are</p> <p>12 allowed in a congregate bathroom at a time.</p> <p>13 Q How many sinks and how many bathroom stalls or</p> <p>14 urinals are in a given congregate bathroom?</p> <p>15 A It depends on how many individuals are housed in</p> <p>16 the area. So small housing areas, like with 14</p> <p>17 inmates or 20 inmates might have four, six; and</p> <p>18 areas that have more, seven or eight sinks. It</p> <p>19 depends on the size of the housing area. It's</p> <p>20 different in every facility and sometimes in</p> <p>21 every housing unit.</p> <p>22 Q How is soap -- in those congregate bathrooms,</p> <p>23 what type of soap is being used?</p> <p>24 A Bar soap.</p> <p>25 Q Bar soap?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And then when you're done washing your</p> <p>3 hands -- is there hot water available in all the</p> <p>4 sinks?</p> <p>5 A Some of them have mixed water, where the hot and</p> <p>6 cold is mixed so it's warm water. And, really,</p> <p>7 all the temperature of the water does is increase</p> <p>8 the amount of suds you get out of the soap. But</p> <p>9 there are no sinks that have just cold water.</p> <p>10 Q Are inmates able to control the temperature of</p> <p>11 the water that they are using, or is it pre --</p> <p>12 A It depends --</p> <p>13 Q -- pre-set?</p> <p>14 A It depends on the housing area. Some have hot</p> <p>15 and cold knobs, and some have mixed water.</p> <p>16 Q And then when you're done washing your hands, you</p> <p>17 have to handle the knobs again to turn the water</p> <p>18 off, correct?</p> <p>19 A Right. They can use a towel or a hand towel,</p> <p>20 depending on where they are, to dry their hands.</p> <p>21 Q Are hand towels always available in all of the</p> <p>22 bathrooms?</p> <p>23 A Not in housing areas, but in non-housing areas,</p> <p>24 yes.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. So --</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 A In housing, individuals have their own towels.</p> <p>2 We also have the ability for them to sanitize the</p> <p>3 sinks before they use them if they would like to</p> <p>4 do so.</p> <p>5 Q And how do you make -- how do you make that</p> <p>6 possible?</p> <p>7 A The same way they would do any other cleaning.</p> <p>8 They ask to get the sanitizer from the janitor's</p> <p>9 closet. And if they so desire, they can sanitize</p> <p>10 the sinks before they use it. If not, the sinks</p> <p>11 are sanitized -- countertop surfaces should be</p> <p>12 sanitized every two hours.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know if they actually are?</p> <p>14 A So as I said, it's audited by both the captains</p> <p>15 in the jails and my staff and the bureau chief of</p> <p>16 facility operations, and one of the questions is</p> <p>17 when was the last time the sanitary tour was</p> <p>18 conducted; if it's been longer than two hours,</p> <p>19 the captain is expected to instruct the officer</p> <p>20 to have the house detail go do it at that time.</p> <p>21 Q If an inmate -- let's talk about turning off the</p> <p>22 knobs in the bathroom once you're done washing</p> <p>23 your hands.</p> <p>24 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>25 Q If I don't want to run the risk of touching the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 get sanitizer or needs to -- or needs to get</p> <p>2 Virex solution or needs to get toilet paper?</p> <p>3 A They're not necessarily standing right outside</p> <p>4 the bathroom, but they're in the housing area.</p> <p>5 Q How many staff have tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p>6 in the last month?</p> <p>7 A Oh, in the last month? Maybe 10 or 15.</p> <p>8 Q And of those 10 or 15 people, did some of them</p> <p>9 test positive after they had already been working</p> <p>10 one or more shifts?</p> <p>11 A I'm sure they did work at some point before they</p> <p>12 tested positive.</p> <p>13 Q So it's still the case that, at least in the past</p> <p>14 month, inmates have been exposed to</p> <p>15 positive-testing staff, correct?</p> <p>16 A It could be, but we do tracing. And every time</p> <p>17 we have a positive staff member, the facility</p> <p>18 identifies all staff and incarcerated individuals</p> <p>19 that the individual came in contact with. The</p> <p>20 staff members get a letter that says you were</p> <p>21 exposed and recommend that they see their</p> <p>22 personal physician or at least reach out to them.</p> <p>23 And the list of incarcerated</p> <p>24 individuals is given to Correctional Health</p> <p>25 Services and they do their contact tracing with</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 knobs that other people have touched and making</p> <p>2 my hands dirty again that I just washed, how do I</p> <p>3 turn off the sink?</p> <p>4 A You could use some toilet paper.</p> <p>5 Q Any other method?</p> <p>6 A No. I think that's about it.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. In order to go get toilet paper, you would</p> <p>8 have to go back into a toilet stall which is a</p> <p>9 confined area that, one, is a small confined</p> <p>10 area; two, that people defecate in, correct?</p> <p>11 A Or you bring your own with you. Most inmates</p> <p>12 have their own roll of toilet paper, so they just</p> <p>13 bring it with them.</p> <p>14 Q But not all inmates necessarily, right?</p> <p>15 A Well, we don't leave toilet paper sitting in the</p> <p>16 toilet stall so they either -- they have their</p> <p>17 own roll of toilet paper at their beds or in</p> <p>18 their cells.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A So they can bring it with them if they so</p> <p>21 desired. And if they didn't have it, they could</p> <p>22 ask the correction officer for it on the way to</p> <p>23 the bathroom and they would give it to them.</p> <p>24 Q Is there always a correction officer standing</p> <p>25 there outside the bathroom if an inmate needs to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 those individuals.</p> <p>2 MR. KEENAN: Go to the October 24th</p> <p>3 through 30th weekly report, if we could pull that</p> <p>4 up. Actually, before we do that, let's go to the</p> <p>5 affidavit on April 24th, 2020. This will be -- I</p> <p>6 think this will be Exhibit 4, correct, Julia?</p> <p>7 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes, Exhibit 4.</p> <p>8 (Deposition Exhibit 4 marked.)</p> <p>9 MR. KEENAN: Let's page through this.</p> <p>10 MR. THAYER: Mr. Keenan, before --</p> <p>11 before you start asking questions on this, would</p> <p>12 you mind if we took a brief five-minute break?</p> <p>13 MR. KEENAN: Sure. I just want to</p> <p>14 identify this for the record and then I was</p> <p>15 planning to take a break.</p> <p>16 Q (By Mr. Keenan) So Commissioner Feeney, is</p> <p>17 Exhibit 4 an affidavit that you executed on</p> <p>18 April 24th, 2020?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 MR. KEENAN: Thank you. Let's go ahead</p> <p>21 and take a -- take a break. To be realistic,</p> <p>22 we'll be back on the record in ten minutes.</p> <p>23 (Brief recess.)</p> <p>24 Q (By Mr. Keenan) We are back on the record,</p> <p>25 Commissioner Feeney, and you understand, of</p>

<p>Page 54</p> <p>1 course, you remain under oath until the 2 deposition is completed, right?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 (Deposition Exhibit 5 marked.)</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Commissioner Feeney, we're 6 going to look at a weekly report for the Board 7 of Correction. This will be Exhibit 5. This 8 is the report of October 24th through the 30th.</p> <p>9 MR. KEENAN: If you don't mind bringing 10 that up, please, Julia.</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Do you recognize Exhibit 5, 12 Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>13 A The weekly COVID report.</p> <p>14 Q And let's go to a few pages in, I think it will 15 be five pages in. Okay, "Total Population in DOC 16 Custody." Do you see this graph here, do you 17 recognize it as a graph of the total DOC custody 18 population?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And is that accurate?</p> <p>21 A I assume so.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. The information that the Board of 23 Correction has would be the information supplied 24 to it by DOC, correct?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>	<p>Page 56</p> <p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q Okay?</p> <p>3 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q Do you recognize this document?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And what is it?</p> <p>7 A It's the housing area capacity data summary.</p> <p>8 MR. KEENAN: Okay. Let's go a few 9 pages in Julia, if you could, please.</p> <p>10 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And do you see this on 11 page 4 of Exhibit 6, Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And this is a jail population census, correct?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 MR. KEENAN: All right. And let's go 16 to Exhibit 7 now. This will be a letter from 17 legal aid.</p> <p>18 MS. GOKHBERG: Which letter would you 19 like?</p> <p>20 MR. KEENAN: It's in the outline.</p> <p>21 It's -- the title is, "Defenders Letter to City," 22 dated November 6, 2020.</p> <p>23 (Deposition Exhibit 7 marked.)</p> <p>24 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. This will be Exhibit 7. 25 Commission Feeney, have you seen Exhibit 7</p>
<p>Page 55</p> <p>1 MR. KEENAN: All right. And let's go 2 to the next page, page after that and a page 3 after that and a page after that.</p> <p>4 (Deposition Exhibit 6 marked.)</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay, let's now look at 6 Exhibit 6 which is an analysis report.</p> <p>7 MR. THAYER: Can we just note for the 8 record that this is page 9 of the report, please.</p> <p>9 MR. KEENAN: Sure.</p> <p>10 MR. THAYER: Thank you.</p> <p>11 MR. KEENAN: Sure. This analysis 12 report will be Exhibit 6. If you don't mind 13 pulling that up, Julia.</p> <p>14 MS. GOKHBERG: Sorry. Just give me one 15 moment.</p> <p>16 MR. KEENAN: Is this it?</p> <p>17 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes.</p> <p>18 MR. KEENAN: Okay, great.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Keenan) This is Exhibit 6. Do you 20 recognize this document, Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>21 A I'm back on page 1, it looks like the same Board 22 of Correction report.</p> <p>23 Q I think it's a little different. This is titled, 24 "New York City Board of Correction Housing Area 25 Capacity Data Summary."</p>	<p>Page 57</p> <p>1 before?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q All right. I want to ask you, Commissioner 4 Feeney, about use of masks and gloves. What are 5 the policies and procedures for staff to wear 6 masks, let's start with masks, while they are at 7 work?</p> <p>8 A Right now?</p> <p>9 Q Yes.</p> <p>10 A Right now, staff are required to wear face 11 coverings when at work.</p> <p>12 Q At all times?</p> <p>13 A When you're within six feet, it's mandated; it's 14 recommended if you're more than six feet between 15 people.</p> <p>16 Q So what -- does that mean that basically it's -- 17 if you're in a housing area but you think as a 18 staff member that you could be more than six feet 19 from anybody else, that you could take off your 20 mask if you want?</p> <p>21 A For a couple of minutes and then put it back on, 22 yes.</p> <p>23 Q And what's the reason for allowing that?</p> <p>24 A For following the City guidance in wearing masks.</p> <p>25 Q What do you do to monitor whether staff members</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 actually are wearing masks?</p> <p>2 A So we do several things. We have those audits I</p> <p>3 spoke to that the captains do and that my staff</p> <p>4 and the facility chief of operations staff do.</p> <p>5 Every supervisor and manager is</p> <p>6 expected to remind the staff to put on their</p> <p>7 mask; and if they're willfully not wearing them,</p> <p>8 then discipline would be -- would be expected,</p> <p>9 progressive discipline would be expected.</p> <p>10 And we also use the compliance and</p> <p>11 safety center, which is a video monitoring unit</p> <p>12 that I oversee, and that unit is meant to be a</p> <p>13 pure mentoring unit. But while we're watching</p> <p>14 video, if we see a staff member is not wearing a</p> <p>15 mask, they get called by a peer and it's</p> <p>16 recommended that they put their mask on, and most</p> <p>17 of the time people have their mask and do put it</p> <p>18 on.</p> <p>19 Q Has anyone ever been disciplined at Rikers for</p> <p>20 not wearing a mask?</p> <p>21 A I don't know.</p> <p>22 Q Who would know? How would we find out?</p> <p>23 A Labor relations probably.</p> <p>24 Q What are the policies and procedures for wearing</p> <p>25 masks and gloves while distributing food and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 COVID and related to food.</p> <p>2 MR. KEENAN: Let's go to what's going</p> <p>3 to be Exhibit 8. This is the document that's --</p> <p>4 well, I should -- I think for the easiest way to</p> <p>5 do this is to going to be to go through the</p> <p>6 City's full production.</p> <p>7 Julia, do you have access to that</p> <p>8 sequentially?</p> <p>9 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes.</p> <p>10 MR. KEENAN: Okay. So let's -- let's</p> <p>11 just start going through that beginning with the</p> <p>12 first document in the City's production. This</p> <p>13 will be -- are we on Exhibit 8 now, Julia?</p> <p>14 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes, Exhibit 8.</p> <p>15 (Deposition Exhibit 8 marked.)</p> <p>16 Q (By Mr. Keenan) This will be Exhibit 8,</p> <p>17 Commissioner Feeney. This is a one-page</p> <p>18 document. Can you tell us what this is?</p> <p>19 A That's the directive that was issued on</p> <p>20 September 24 that details the City's guidance for</p> <p>21 wearing masks and mandated that staff where masks</p> <p>22 and stay within six feet of another individual</p> <p>23 and strongly recommended that they wear them when</p> <p>24 they are greater than six feet.</p> <p>25 (Deposition Exhibit 9 marked.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 medicine?</p> <p>2 A Okay, DOC staff does not distribute medication so</p> <p>3 we don't have a policy regarding that.</p> <p>4 As far as distributing food, if you're</p> <p>5 going to have direct hand contact with food,</p> <p>6 you're required to wear gloves. That's the New</p> <p>7 York State glove law from the health code.</p> <p>8 And folks should be wearing their masks</p> <p>9 because you're going to be near people.</p> <p>10 Q And when you said direct hand contact with food,</p> <p>11 would that -- would that include, you know,</p> <p>12 handling a spoon or something else to serve food?</p> <p>13 A No. That's not direct hand contact. The health</p> <p>14 code does not require, although it's generally</p> <p>15 common practice, but the health code requires</p> <p>16 wearing gloves when you have direct hand contact.</p> <p>17 Q Since COVID, have you reevaluated whether the</p> <p>18 state health code that was enacted before COVID</p> <p>19 is enough to protect against the transmission of</p> <p>20 COVID?</p> <p>21 A COVID is inhaled. It's a droplet infection</p> <p>22 that's inhaled, or if you touch your eyes, your</p> <p>23 nose then your mouth and you've touch the virus,</p> <p>24 you catch it. It's not a food-borne illness, so,</p> <p>25 no, I didn't spend a lot of time thinking about</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And let's go to the</p> <p>2 next document in the City's production. This</p> <p>3 will be Exhibit 9. This is a six-page</p> <p>4 document, Exhibit 9. It is -- can you tell us</p> <p>5 what Exhibit 9 is?</p> <p>6 A Oh, it appears to be a letter from our general</p> <p>7 counsel Heidi Grossman to The Bronx Defenders.</p> <p>8 Q And what is this letter about?</p> <p>9 A About a letter that The Bronx Defenders wrote in</p> <p>10 response to your September 11 regarding COVID</p> <p>11 pandemic procedures.</p> <p>12 Q Let's just page through it. Were you involved in</p> <p>13 the drafting of this letter?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q In what way were you involved?</p> <p>16 A The legal division reviewed the policies that we</p> <p>17 had in place to make sure that they were the most</p> <p>18 current policies.</p> <p>19 (Deposition Exhibit 10 marked.)</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>21 in the City's production. This will be Exhibit</p> <p>22 10, I believe. What is Exhibit 10,</p> <p>23 Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>24 A It's Teletype HQ-01077-0 issued on April 18th,</p> <p>25 2020, that's outlining the department's policies</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 for distributing masks to our incarcerated</p> <p>2 personnel.</p> <p>3 Q You said to incarcerated personnel?</p> <p>4 A Incarcerated persons.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. What is a teletype order?</p> <p>6 A Teletype is an order from the chief that tells</p> <p>7 the department what needs to be done.</p> <p>8 Q And is every staff member given a teletype order</p> <p>9 when one is issued?</p> <p>10 A They might -- they may not be given it by hand</p> <p>11 but it's read at roll-call and the supervisors</p> <p>12 for, in my case, like for a non-uniformed</p> <p>13 manager, I'm required to inform my staff of</p> <p>14 what's in these teletypes, plus they are also</p> <p>15 available on our intranet.</p> <p>16 Q Are masks available to all inmates at the present</p> <p>17 time?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. How often are inmates given new masks?</p> <p>20 A It can be given whenever they ask for them.</p> <p>21 Every day the facility has to give an inventory</p> <p>22 of what masks were issued to the chiefs and they</p> <p>23 get replenished as necessary. So I believe</p> <p>24 they're delivering and maintaining 40 a couple of</p> <p>25 times a week, two or three times a week in each</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 Q Let's go to the next document in the City's</p> <p>2 production. This will be exhibit --</p> <p>3 MR. KEENAN: Will it be 14, Julia?</p> <p>4 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes, 14.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: We did this one already.</p> <p>6 MR. KEENAN: I'm sorry?</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: We did this one already,</p> <p>8 it's the directive on wearing masks.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And I think that this</p> <p>10 was maybe produced twice in the City's</p> <p>11 production. So this is the directive on</p> <p>12 wearing masks, Exhibit 14?</p> <p>13 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q Is that a yes?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. All right. We just have to get that down</p> <p>17 on the transcript.</p> <p>18 (Deposition Exhibit 15 marked.)</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>20 in the City's production, which is Exhibit 15.</p> <p>21 A This is a teletype issued on March 22nd about</p> <p>22 personal protective equipment and authorized</p> <p>23 masks, and that was issued by both Commissioner</p> <p>24 Brann and chief of the department.</p> <p>25 (Deposition Exhibit 16 marked.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 housing area. But if a facility needs more, they</p> <p>2 can ask and get them, you know, we have them.</p> <p>3 (Deposition Exhibit 11 marked.)</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>5 in the City's production. This will be Exhibit</p> <p>6 11.</p> <p>7 A So this is a teletype from March 6 issued by the</p> <p>8 commissioner talking about the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>9 in China.</p> <p>10 (Deposition Exhibit 12 marked.)</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>12 in the City's production. This will be Exhibit</p> <p>13 12, I believe.</p> <p>14 A All right. This is a teletype issued July 23,</p> <p>15 2020, again by the commissioner, talking about</p> <p>16 the travel advisory and COVID-19.</p> <p>17 MR. KEENAN: Let's go to the next</p> <p>18 document, please, Julia.</p> <p>19 (Deposition Exhibit 13 marked.)</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Keenan) This is Exhibit 13. What is</p> <p>21 Exhibit 13, Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>22 A It is a teletype issued on September 24 by chief</p> <p>23 of the department Hazel Jennings and it's again</p> <p>24 reiterating how staff is to protect themselves</p> <p>25 against COVID-19.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>2 in the City's production, it will be Exhibit</p> <p>3 16.</p> <p>4 A This is a teletype issued March 10th, 2020 by</p> <p>5 First Deputy Commissioner Angel Villalona talking</p> <p>6 about the leave policy at the time regarding some</p> <p>7 employees at risk for COVID-19.</p> <p>8 Q And by the way, would you agree with me that the</p> <p>9 Department of Correction has a duty to provide</p> <p>10 reasonable accommodations to inmates with</p> <p>11 disabilities?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And that can include extra protective</p> <p>14 measures for inmates who are especially</p> <p>15 vulnerable to COVID-19, correct?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Let's go to the next document in the City's</p> <p>18 production, please.</p> <p>19 A This is teletype issued on March 22nd about the</p> <p>20 leave policy applicable during the outbreak of</p> <p>21 COVID-19.</p> <p>22 MR. KEENAN: And which exhibit number</p> <p>23 is this going to be, Julia?</p> <p>24 MS. GOKHBERG: 17, I believe.</p> <p>25 MR. KEENAN: So this is going to be</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 Exhibit 17 right here.</p> <p>2 (Deposition Exhibit 17 marked.)</p> <p>3 (Deposition Exhibit 18 marked.)</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>5 in the City's production which will be Exhibit</p> <p>6 18. This starts at Bates stamp NYC29. Exhibit</p> <p>7 18, can you tell us what that is, Commissioner</p> <p>8 Feeney?</p> <p>9 A This is a teletype issued on March 28 from Chief</p> <p>10 Jennings regarding the implementation of</p> <p>11 televisits.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Let's go to the next document in the</p> <p>13 City's production. This will be Exhibit 19.</p> <p>14 MR. KEENAN: Is that correct?</p> <p>15 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes.</p> <p>16 (Deposition Exhibit 19 marked.)</p> <p>17 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. What is Exhibit 19,</p> <p>18 Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>19 A Teletype issued on April 3rd by the chief and the</p> <p>20 commissioner about the distribution of masks.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Has that been updated in any way since</p> <p>22 then?</p> <p>23 A April 3rd? I don't believe so.</p> <p>24 Q Okay.</p> <p>25 A Except for the directive.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to Exhibit 21, the</p> <p>2 next document in the City's production. What</p> <p>3 is this, Commissioner?</p> <p>4 A This is a teletype from March 12th, 2020 from the</p> <p>5 commissioner regarding visitors and COVID-19</p> <p>6 procedures.</p> <p>7 (Deposition Exhibit 22 marked.)</p> <p>8 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document</p> <p>9 in the City's production, it will be Exhibit</p> <p>10 22. What is Exhibit 22?</p> <p>11 A That is an operations order that was issued on</p> <p>12 September 14th about the use of infrared camera</p> <p>13 and hand-held infrared thermometers regarding</p> <p>14 screening process.</p> <p>15 MR. KEENAN: I think the next one will</p> <p>16 be Exhibit 23. Is that correct, Julia?</p> <p>17 (Deposition Exhibit 23 marked.)</p> <p>18 A This is the elimination --</p> <p>19 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes.</p> <p>20 A -- of sexual abuse and sexual harassment</p> <p>21 directive.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And this has been in</p> <p>23 place since before COVID, correct?</p> <p>24 A Yes. It was May 31st, 2019.</p> <p>25 Q And what is the purpose of this directive?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 Q Let's go to Exhibit -- I'm sorry, say that again.</p> <p>2 A Except for the directive.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. The directive we talked about earlier that</p> <p>4 was issued in September?</p> <p>5 A Right.</p> <p>6 Q The one-page directive?</p> <p>7 A Right.</p> <p>8 (Deposition Exhibit 20 marked.)</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to the next document.</p> <p>10 It will be Exhibit 20.</p> <p>11 A I think this is teletype issued May 26th from the</p> <p>12 commissioner and the chief regarding distribution</p> <p>13 of cotton fabric masks to incarcerated persons.</p> <p>14 Q What type of masks are being made available to</p> <p>15 inmates at this time?</p> <p>16 A Predominantly surgical masks, but we did</p> <p>17 receive -- I believe it was -- what's that</p> <p>18 word -- donations, donation of cotton fabric</p> <p>19 masks. And the chief distributed those to the</p> <p>20 incarcerated persons.</p> <p>21 Q How many cotton fabric masks?</p> <p>22 A I don't know how many.</p> <p>23 Q Who was the donation received from?</p> <p>24 A I don't know.</p> <p>25 (Deposition Exhibit 21 marked.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 A This directive goes through our procedures for</p> <p>2 eliminating sexual abuse and sexual harassment.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And let's go to page 45 of this document.</p> <p>4 MR. KEENAN: And can we go back to the</p> <p>5 prior page, Julia.</p> <p>6 Q (By Mr. Keenan) So that's -- you recognize the</p> <p>7 elimination of sexual abuse and sexual</p> <p>8 harassment policy dated May 31st, 2019 is 44</p> <p>9 pages long, correct?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Then we go to the next page in Exhibit 23, it's a</p> <p>12 listing of telephone numbers, correct?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q And let's go after that. Are these all -- do you</p> <p>15 recognize -- this is a 138-page document. Do you</p> <p>16 know if all of the attachments -- all the</p> <p>17 components of this 138-page document relate to</p> <p>18 sexual assault and sexual harassment of prison</p> <p>19 rape elimination?</p> <p>20 A I believe so.</p> <p>21 Q And you're familiar, very familiar with the</p> <p>22 City's policies on this topic, correct?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. In fact, there's a federal mandate to</p> <p>25 develop policies on prison rape elimination,</p>



<p>Page 70</p> <p>1 correct?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 (Deposition Exhibit 24 marked.)</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to Exhibit 24,</p> <p>5 please. It will be the next document in the</p> <p>6 City's production.</p> <p>7 A This is Directive 4514R-A issued on October 19,</p> <p>8 2007 regarding housing area logbooks.</p> <p>9 Q And we see Exhibit 24 is a rather large document,</p> <p>10 143 pages long, and just going to go through that</p> <p>11 very quickly. What are housing area logbooks?</p> <p>12 A Logbooks are bound notebooks, for lack of a</p> <p>13 better thing, that are lined with number of</p> <p>14 pages, and it's where everything that happens in</p> <p>15 the housing area is recorded.</p> <p>16 Q Let's now go to page 8 of this Exhibit 24 and</p> <p>17 tell us what that is.</p> <p>18 A That's Directive 3901R-B, it is our directive</p> <p>19 regarding housekeeping procedures and it became</p> <p>20 effective April 4th, 2014.</p> <p>21 Q Now, it's my understanding you have a</p> <p>22 professional background in sanitation, correct?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q What -- tell us what certifications you have in</p> <p>25 sanitation and what training you've had.</p>	<p>Page 72</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Were you the primary author or one of the primary</p> <p>3 authors?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Is this manual still enforced?</p> <p>6 A It is, but it's been upgraded for COVID. So</p> <p>7 there's one change that we had to make in the</p> <p>8 cleaning and sanitizing procedures with COVID.</p> <p>9 We apply the sanitizer an additional time so the</p> <p>10 surface stays wet for ten minutes.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know if that's reflected here?</p> <p>12 A It's not reflected in this, no. It's reflected</p> <p>13 in a PowerPoint that's distributed during all of</p> <p>14 the training.</p> <p>15 Q Okay.</p> <p>16 A And it's been sent out in writing to all of the</p> <p>17 facilities so that they have it as well.</p> <p>18 Q And following this, there are various attachments</p> <p>19 that relate to sanitation, correct?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q All right. Let's go to page 53 of Exhibit 24.</p> <p>22 A This is our directive of the exposure control</p> <p>23 plan.</p> <p>24 Q And what's -- can you sum up for us what the</p> <p>25 purpose of this directive is?</p>
<p>Page 71</p> <p>1 A I'm a registered sanitarian in the State of New</p> <p>2 York and I've been in the environmental health</p> <p>3 field since 1989, and worked on writing many of</p> <p>4 these policies with our colleagues in legal aid</p> <p>5 and consultants.</p> <p>6 Q What is the -- what is a registered sanitarian?</p> <p>7 I don't -- I don't know that I've encountered</p> <p>8 that exact term.</p> <p>9 A A public health sanitarian is the civil service</p> <p>10 title for a health inspector. And back when I</p> <p>11 was a young health inspector, we had the New York</p> <p>12 state registry of sanitarians and you took a test</p> <p>13 and became a registered sanitarian in the State</p> <p>14 of New York.</p> <p>15 Q And what are the -- what are the principles of</p> <p>16 the sanitation field, what are the goals of</p> <p>17 sanitation?</p> <p>18 A Prevent disease, prevent vermin activity, to</p> <p>19 create a healthful environment.</p> <p>20 Q Let's go to page 26 of this Exhibit 24.</p> <p>21 A This is the Cleaning and Sanitizing Manual issued</p> <p>22 November 2013.</p> <p>23 Q And were you involved in the creation of the New</p> <p>24 York City Department of Correction Cleaning and</p> <p>25 Sanitizing Manual?</p>	<p>Page 73</p> <p>1 A The exposure control plan was written in response</p> <p>2 to an OSHA -- the bloodborne pathogen standards</p> <p>3 and it's the policies that we follow if somebody</p> <p>4 has been exposed to a bloodborne pathogen.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Let's go to page 72 of this document,</p> <p>6 please. Exhibit 24, page 72.</p> <p>7 A This is a teletype that was issued in October 16</p> <p>8 of 2012 discussing Liberty 670 and 671 which was</p> <p>9 a general cleaner and disinfectant that we used</p> <p>10 at that time.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. What are -- what are the general cleaners</p> <p>12 and disinfectants used at this time?</p> <p>13 A I'm sorry, can you say that again?</p> <p>14 Q What are the general cleaners and disinfectants</p> <p>15 being used at this time?</p> <p>16 A Oh. There's Diversity products, the general</p> <p>17 cleaner is called General Cleaner 15, and the</p> <p>18 disinfectant is called Virex 256.</p> <p>19 Q Let's go to page 73, please.</p> <p>20 A This is Directive 3900R issued on April 4th,</p> <p>21 2014, and it describes our environmental health</p> <p>22 program.</p> <p>23 Q What is the environmental health program?</p> <p>24 A The environmental health program is our overall</p> <p>25 environmental health program that deals with</p>

<p>Page 74</p> <p>1 sanitation, vermin control, infections. It</p> <p>2 describes what is expected of the different</p> <p>3 titles in the department that deal with</p> <p>4 environmental health. It describes what we're</p> <p>5 responsible for.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Now let's go to page 95, please.</p> <p>7 A This is Directive 4020R-A, it's a directive</p> <p>8 dealing with the department's definitions of</p> <p>9 inmate categories.</p> <p>10 Q And can you sum up for us what -- what this is?</p> <p>11 A It's the definition of the different types of</p> <p>12 individuals that we -- that we have, whether in</p> <p>13 general population or they have another category</p> <p>14 of mental health, whatever would be defined in</p> <p>15 this directive.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Let's go to page 102, please, of Exhibit</p> <p>17 24. Commissioner Feeney, can you tell us what</p> <p>18 starts on page 102 here?</p> <p>19 A This is Directive 6002 that deals with attorney</p> <p>20 visits.</p> <p>21 Q Then on page 110, is this a teletype that</p> <p>22 describes some amendments to the attorney visits</p> <p>23 directive policy? Is that a yes?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q And we see some further -- further teletype about</p>	<p>Page 76</p> <p>1 details during COVID or are they kept off of work</p> <p>2 detail?</p> <p>3 A What do you mean by medically vulnerable detail?</p> <p>4 Q People with underlying conditions that would make</p> <p>5 them especially vulnerable to COVID were they to</p> <p>6 contract such as asthma or being</p> <p>7 immunocompromised in some way. Are people with</p> <p>8 asthma or with a compromised immune system placed</p> <p>9 on work details or not placed on work details</p> <p>10 during COVID?</p> <p>11 A So the general DOC staff member has no idea what</p> <p>12 an inmate's medical conditions are. For them to</p> <p>13 work in the barber shop or in kitchens, they have</p> <p>14 to have a medical -- be medically cleared to work</p> <p>15 in those two areas. I don't know of any other</p> <p>16 work that requires medical clearance for an</p> <p>17 individual to work.</p> <p>18 (Deposition Exhibit 25 marked.)</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to what will be</p> <p>20 Exhibit 25. It will be the next item in the</p> <p>21 City's production, I think actually the last</p> <p>22 item in the City's production.</p> <p>23 A All right. This is the division assignments, I</p> <p>24 cannot read the effective date on this. I think</p> <p>25 it says January 8, 2020, but I'm not sure. And</p>
<p>Page 75</p> <p>1 that on page 112, correct?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And following that there is some more guidance</p> <p>4 about attorney visits and similar visits,</p> <p>5 correct?</p> <p>6 A Well, this updates operations order 110, not the</p> <p>7 directive, but, yes, it deals with attorney</p> <p>8 visits.</p> <p>9 Q Let's go to page 118, please.</p> <p>10 A This is a teletype from April 3rd, 2013 dealing</p> <p>11 with procedures for all ports of entry.</p> <p>12 Q Then let's go to page 120, please.</p> <p>13 A This is Directive 6000R-A, effective April 7th,</p> <p>14 2005, regarding attorney, legal, and official</p> <p>15 visits.</p> <p>16 Q And then we see following that some further</p> <p>17 teletypes relating to ports of entry and attorney</p> <p>18 and related visits, correct?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And then let's go to page 137, please, of</p> <p>21 Exhibit 24. Can you tell us what this is,</p> <p>22 Commissioner Feeney?</p> <p>23 A This is Directive 3255R, issued June 18th, 2014,</p> <p>24 regarding assignment of inmates to work details.</p> <p>25 Q Are medically vulnerable inmates assigned to work</p>	<p>Page 77</p> <p>1 this document identifies the wardens and the</p> <p>2 deputy wardens and the command and who report to</p> <p>3 who.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. I want to go back to a question we</p> <p>5 explored earlier of hand sanitizer, the idea of</p> <p>6 having dispensers that would be placed out for</p> <p>7 people to go get a squirt of hand sanitizer.</p> <p>8 First question, very basic question, I</p> <p>9 assume, certainly by this point, you have seen</p> <p>10 dispensers or hand sanitizer be placed in public</p> <p>11 places and you've used one, correct?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. So you're familiar with the idea that you</p> <p>14 would have a dispenser and it's either on a stand</p> <p>15 or bolted to a wall or some other secure surface,</p> <p>16 somebody can put their hand under it and get an</p> <p>17 automatic scoop of hand sanitizer and then</p> <p>18 sanitize their hands, correct?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Has the Department of Correction even explored or</p> <p>21 considered the possibility of placing dispensers</p> <p>22 of that nature either on a stand or bolted to a</p> <p>23 secure surface in collective areas of housing</p> <p>24 units such as mess halls, cafeterias or communal</p> <p>25 rooms?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 A Okay, so most inmates don't go to mess halls,  2 they eat in their housing areas. And I think  3 about it a lot, what's the best and the safest  4 things to do. And the risks associated with the  5 hand sanitizers to me, when there are sinks and  6 soaps and water available, is not worth the risk.  7 Sanitizer, itself, can be used as a  8 weapon, the dispenser can be used as a weapon,  9 and there are -- there are sinks with soap and  10 water that are monitored and audited multiple  11 times on a daily basis to make sure that there is  12 soap and water present.  13 So weighing those things, I don't think  14 it's worth the risk to put alcohol-based hand  15 sanitizer in inmate occupied areas.  16 Now, during H1N1 when non-alcohol-based  17 hand sanitizer was effective, we did do that in  18 certain areas, but not alcohol-based, it's too  19 potentially dangerous.  20 Q Okay. So let's talk about H1N1, you used a  21 non-alcohol-based sanitizer, correct?  22 A Uh-huh.  23 Q Is that a yes?  24 A Yes.  25 Q And how did you dispense that non-alcohol-based</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 you put it in the dispenser with a cage or a  2 covering around it in collective areas, correct?  3 A In dayrooms.  4 Q Dayrooms, okay.  5 A Uh-huh.  6 Q And by the way, is it the policy to have a staff  7 member or corrections officer present in a  8 dayroom at any given point in time?  9 A Some places have specific dayroom officers. Most  10 places just have an officer that controls the  11 whole housing area.  12 Q Okay. All right. And are there video cameras in  13 dayrooms?  14 A There are now.  15 Q Okay. Not then but there are now?  16 A I don't remember if there were any then or not,  17 but they are now.  18 Q What matters is there are video cameras  19 monitoring all dayrooms at this time, correct?  20 A Yes.  21 Q And those video cameras can be monitored from a  22 central command center or control center?  23 A They aren't generally monitored from a command  24 center all the time, no.  25 Q Okay. But they could be, correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 hand sanitizer?  2 A It was in a dispenser that was like in a cage.  3 Q Okay. Describe for me what that looks like.  4 A So there was a dispenser, a regular dispenser  5 that we put locked covering on.  6 Q Okay.  7 A And it got destroyed, too.  8 Q It got -- what got destroyed?  9 A The dispenser, they were vandalized.  10 Q Vandalized in what way?  11 A Pieces of the hard plastic were broken off.  12 Q And did anybody -- do you have any documented  13 instances of turning -- anybody turning one of  14 those dispensers into a weapon?  15 A I don't know.  16 Q All right. And out of how many dispensers -- how  17 many dispensers did you put out during H1N1 in  18 Rikers?  19 A I don't know off the top of my head.  20 Q Several dozen at least?  21 A I don't know if that many, but there were some.  22 Q Were all of them destroyed, were some of them  23 destroyed, only one of them destroyed?  24 A I don't know the number that were destroyed.  25 Q And so you -- this non-alcohol-based sanitizer,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 A They could be.  2 Q Okay. You could -- you could just have a live  3 feed into the command center, right?  4 A It's probably --  5 Q It's feasible?  6 A To do it, yes.  7 Q Okay. So you're familiar with the idea of  8 somebody getting a squirt of hand sanitizer and  9 there are some that have a gel and some that do a  10 foam, correct?  11 A Yes.  12 Q Okay. Are you -- have you ever heard of anybody  13 lighting a foam-based sanitizer on fire or using  14 it as a weapon?  15 A If it's alcohol-based, it can be a flammable.  16 Q Have you ever heard or seen any reports?  17 A In fact, there was a woman in the news not long  18 ago, maybe a month ago, who got seriously burned  19 from hand sanitizer.  20 Q Where? What -- what news --  21 A It was on -- it was on the regular news, Channel  22 7, Channel 4, she got very badly burned from hand  23 sanitizer.  24 Q Well, you know, I'm trying to get to the root of  25 what are -- what are likely dangers, not</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 theoretical dangers. This is somebody --</p> <p>2 somebody in the New York area who got a chemical</p> <p>3 burn from a hand sanitizer?</p> <p>4 A No. She actually lit herself on fire.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. So this is one instance in this being</p> <p>6 reported in the news in a city of over 8 million</p> <p>7 people, correct?</p> <p>8 A Yeah. So I have to, as a person who's</p> <p>9 responsible for environmental health and safety,</p> <p>10 look at the whole big picture. So, to me, the</p> <p>11 big picture is really clear, the CDC says when</p> <p>12 there's soap and a sink available, that is their</p> <p>13 recommended practice for you washing your hands.</p> <p>14 They recommend the use of hand</p> <p>15 sanitizer only when that and that soap are not</p> <p>16 available.</p> <p>17 I have a population that does set</p> <p>18 fires, and I don't know the number because I'm</p> <p>19 on -- off the top of my head, but we have fires</p> <p>20 set often in the facility.</p> <p>21 So I have to make sure my staff is</p> <p>22 safe. I have to make sure the other individuals</p> <p>23 are safe. And, to me, it's not worth the risk,</p> <p>24 and I'm the one who answers for it if something</p> <p>25 happens.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 weekends.</p> <p>2 For the amount of time an individual is</p> <p>3 walking through the corridor until they get to</p> <p>4 their location, they can wash their hands in the</p> <p>5 location that they're in.</p> <p>6 I have not seen lines and lines of</p> <p>7 individuals waiting to get to sinks. I have not</p> <p>8 had any complaints from individuals directly that</p> <p>9 they can't get access to a sink with soap and</p> <p>10 water. So I believe we've made the correct and</p> <p>11 safe decision for both the inmate population and</p> <p>12 for our staff.</p> <p>13 Q You -- let me ask you this question while we're</p> <p>14 on the sanitizer topic, hand sanitizer. Are you</p> <p>15 aware of any instance in which any inmate</p> <p>16 anywhere has assaulted a staff member or lit a</p> <p>17 staff member on fire using hand sanitizer?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Question about --</p> <p>20 A By the way, rate every single chemical we use as</p> <p>21 to whether it's safe that we use in a</p> <p>22 correctional setting, and I apply that same</p> <p>23 principle to the hand sanitizer that I do when we</p> <p>24 want to utilize the new sanitation chemical or a</p> <p>25 new paint or the maintenance chemical, we go</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 It is not worth the risk when there are</p> <p>2 sinks and soap and water present to provide an</p> <p>3 alcohol-based hand sanitizer that if it gets</p> <p>4 thrown on someone, and the individuals splash our</p> <p>5 staff regularly with urine, feces and other</p> <p>6 liquids, that should they ignite that, a person</p> <p>7 will go up like a Molotov cocktail.</p> <p>8 So we can go back and forth about</p> <p>9 whether it's possible to put a hand sanitizer</p> <p>10 dispenser in a housing area, and, yes, it is, but</p> <p>11 it's also potentially very dangerous and I'm not</p> <p>12 willing, under my need and responsibility, to say</p> <p>13 that we should do that when there is a CDC</p> <p>14 recommended way to wash your hand available in</p> <p>15 the housing unit.</p> <p>16 Q But you're assuming that all inmates have easy</p> <p>17 and quick and safe access to sinks with warm</p> <p>18 water and soap at all times, that's -- you're</p> <p>19 making that assumption, aren't you?</p> <p>20 A I'm not assuming. I've walked the jails every</p> <p>21 day every week for 30 years. I know that sinks</p> <p>22 and soap are available.</p> <p>23 We have a very strict three-tiered</p> <p>24 level audit procedure in place that checks these</p> <p>25 things on a daily basis, including on the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>1 through the same procedure to decide if we feel</p> <p>2 it's safe or not.</p> <p>3 Q How are foams in visiting areas or phone call</p> <p>4 areas sanitized?</p> <p>5 A They are sanitized by the house detail and we</p> <p>6 have a bucket with the Virex available right at</p> <p>7 the phone area and the Virex gets changed out two</p> <p>8 or three times a tour, and the individual can</p> <p>9 sanitize the phone before and after they are used</p> <p>10 if they want to do it in addition to what the</p> <p>11 house detail does.</p> <p>12 Q And what -- what device would they use to</p> <p>13 actually wipe down the phone?</p> <p>14 A The sponge.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And after you wipe down the phone?</p> <p>16 A They can go to the bathroom and wash their hands.</p> <p>17 Q While you're leaving the phone like off the hook</p> <p>18 or something?</p> <p>19 A Well, we've got a drier that we use anyway. Most</p> <p>20 people don't pick up a wet phone.</p> <p>21 Q How long does it take to get from the phone to</p> <p>22 the bathroom and back?</p> <p>23 A Two minutes.</p> <p>24 Q Do you distribute paper towels to use Virex with</p> <p>25 or --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>1 A Sponges. You have to allow it to air dry. You  2 don't want to wipe off the Virex when you're  3 done. Virex works by the amount of contact time  4 that the chemical has with the Virex. If you put  5 it on and wipe it off, if you dry it, you're  6 removing the contact time.  7 Q Does Virex have any toxicity to it or any  8 potential health threats to anyone who is exposed  9 to it?  10 A No long-term sustaining health effects, no.  11 Q Any short-term?  12 A You might get a little skin irritation, which is  13 why we issue yellow gloves and goggles when they  14 are being used.  15 Q By inmates or just by staff?  16 A No. By the incarcerated individuals who are  17 using it.  18 Q And are those goggles cleaned after use?  19 A Yes, they are cleaned in the Virex and hung to  20 air dry in the janitor closet.  21 Q How about the yellow gloves?  22 A Same thing.  23 MR. KEENAN: Why don't we take about a  24 five-minute break here.  25 (Brief recess.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>1 since they were built, so the HVAC systems are  2 fairly, you know, last 20 years or so.  3 Q Do you -- have any changes been made to  4 ventilation since COVID came in, whether it's the  5 installation of new filters or changing HVAC  6 processes or equipment or anything like that?  7 A It's my understanding that we are in compliance  8 with the recommendations with the MERV 13 and the  9 filter and we have increased the outside air in  10 the facilities, but I couldn't give you the  11 specifics on each facility's ventilation system.  12 Q And when you said increasing the outside air,  13 tell us, is it entirely outside air that's being  14 brought in or is air being recirculated?  15 A I believe right now it's all outside air.  16 Q Okay. Who -- who would know for sure?  17 A Alex Mahoney.  18 Q And who is Alex Mahoney?  19 A He is the executive director for our facilities'  20 maintenance and repair division.  21 Q And you said the MERV 13 filters, tell us about  22 that.  23 A Okay. Again it's a level of filtration. You  24 would have to get -- I don't know the exact --  25 Q That's --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Ms. Feeney, we are back on the  2 record. I want to ask you about ventilation.  3 How old are the buildings at Rikers?  4 A They are all different ages. NIC is quite old,  5 it's one of the earlier buildings on the island.  6 And OBCC and Rose M. Singer were the newest  7 constructed building. I think our newest  8 editions were put in -- well, Rose M. Singer, the  9 newest edition, was put in a few years ago. And  10 OBCC and GRBC newest editions were put in the  11 late '80s, I believe.  12 Q How old is NIC?  13 A I don't know exactly, but 1930s-ish, the main  14 building.  15 Q The HVAC system, HVAC in NIC, do you know when it  16 was installed?  17 A It was upgraded several years ago when they  18 air-conditioned the building.  19 Q When they air-conditioned the building?  20 A Yes.  21 Q Okay. Do you know how old the HVAC systems are  22 at the other -- other facilities in Rikers?  23 A The RNDC HVAC system was also just upgraded.  24 Rose M. Singer and GRVC and OBCC are relatively  25 new buildings so they have not been upgraded</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 89</p> <p>1 A I don't know. I just know that Alex told me we  2 were in compliance compliant with the MERV 13  3 mandate.  4 Q But Alex Mahoney would probably be the person to  5 talk to about that?  6 A Absolutely.  7 (Deposition Exhibit 26 marked.)  8 MR. KEENAN: Let's look at a few new  9 exhibits. I think this will be 26 now. This is  10 a progress report cover letter. If you could  11 pull that up, please, Julia.  12 Q (By Mr. Keenan) You'll see this is a cover  13 letter. Do you recognize this document?  14 A Yes, I do.  15 Q What is it?  16 A It's a report from the Office of Compliance  17 Consultants, dated October 15, 2020.  18 Q And can you sum up for the record what the Office  19 of Compliance Consultants is?  20 A They're an oversight agency for the federal  21 court, for the Benjamin court case.  22 Q This is for the consent decree that's in place in  23 the Benjamin case?  24 A Yes.  25 Q Okay. Have you -- do you review the progress</p>



<p>Page 90</p> <p>1 reports that are made by the Office of Compliance 2 Consultants? 3 A I do. 4 Q And how often are reports made by the OCC, Office 5 of Compliance Consultants? 6 A They are supposed to be quarterly. 7 Q Are they actually made on a quarterly basis or is 8 that objective not always met? 9 A No, that's pretty much always done on a quarterly 10 basis. 11 Q Let's next look at the May through August 2020 12 report on environmental conditions. This will be 13 Exhibit 26. This is an attachment to the most 14 recent compliance report, correct? 15 A Yes. 16 Q Okay. Are you -- 17 MS. GOKHBERG: This is Exhibit 27. 18 Sorry. 19 MR. KEENAN: Twenty-seven. Thank you 20 very much, Julia. This will be Exhibit 27. 21 (Deposition Exhibit 27 marked.) 22 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Do you recognize Exhibit 27, 23 this 34-page document, report? 24 A I recognize the cover page, yes. 25 Q Okay. Were you -- have you reviewed the contents</p>	<p>Page 92</p> <p>1 attachment one, PHS findings for Vacant Cell 2 observations. This is a 24-page document, 3 Exhibit 28. Do you recognize this document, 4 Commissioner Feeney? 5 A Yes. 6 Q What is it? 7 A Again, it's the staff of OCC taking a complete 8 report for my unit and picking out bits and 9 pieces of it and putting it into these charts, 10 and then indicating that the entire area would be 11 unclean because of one thing, which is not a 12 protocol that we utilize. 13 Q And it's your understanding, you're much more 14 familiar with the Benjamin litigation than I am, 15 who -- who does the Office of Compliance 16 Consultants work for, basically who pays for it 17 and who do they report to? 18 A I believe the department pays for it, but they 19 report to the federal court. 20 Q Okay. And do you -- do you have an opinion of 21 the Office of Compliance Consultants and what -- 22 do you think they're fair or unfair to the 23 department, or have some other opinion of them? 24 A I don't have a fair or unfair opinion. I just 25 think that they evaluate the data differently</p>
<p>Page 91</p> <p>1 of it? 2 A Yes. 3 (Deposition Exhibit 28 marked.) 4 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. And then let's bring up 5 Exhibit 28. 6 Do you -- do you agree with the 7 contents of it, when you reviewed it? 8 A No, not often. 9 Q I'm sorry, say that again. 10 A No, I don't, not often. 11 Q You do not often agree with what's being said in 12 the Office of Compliance Consultants' reports? 13 A That's correct. 14 Q Okay. Tell me -- tell me more about that, that 15 you do not often agree with the OCC's reports. 16 A They make assumptions based on taking my unit's 17 reports and pulling them apart and putting them 18 back together in different ways that we don't 19 agree with. According to our evaluation of the 20 sanitation, the department has a compliance 21 rating of over 80 for ours. 22 MR. KEENAN: Okay. Let's -- let's go 23 to the next exhibit. Will it be 28, Julia? 24 MS. GOKHBERG: Yes. 25 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Okay. Exhibit 28, it's</p>	<p>Page 93</p> <p>1 than we did. 2 (Deposition Exhibit 29 marked.) 3 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's go to Exhibit 29. This 4 is attachment two to the PHS findings. Do you 5 recognize Exhibit 29? It's a 28-page document. 6 A Yes. 7 Q What is it? 8 A It's the same thing, it's another table that the 9 OCC staff put together from the DOC staff 10 inspection report. 11 (Deposition Exhibit 30 marked.) 12 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Let's look now at Exhibit 30, 13 it's attachment three. It's a nine-page 14 document. Commissioner Feeney, do you 15 recognize Exhibit 30 titled, "Surfaces (not) 16 Smooth and Easily Cleanable"? 17 A Yes. 18 Q What is -- what is Exhibit 30? 19 A It's the same thing. It's another table that OCC 20 put together from DOC's inspection report. 21 (Deposition Exhibit 31 marked.) 22 Q (By Mr. Keenan) And then let's look at Exhibit 23 31, it's attachment four. Commissioner Feeney, 24 do you recognize Exhibit 31, a five-page 25 document?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q And it's titled, "Ventilation," correct?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Okay, what -- what is this document?</p> <p>5 A It's the exact same thing.</p> <p>6 Q Okay.</p> <p>7 A It's a table that OCC put together from DOC inspection report.</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 Q And these would be places where dirty vents or</p> <p>10 lack of ventilation was found and things like</p> <p>11 that?</p> <p>12 A It's a place where they cited dirty vents for</p> <p>13 partially occluded vents, yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Do you believe that any -- that any of the</p> <p>15 information contained here is just inaccurate or</p> <p>16 not -- that is flat out untrue, or do you -- do</p> <p>17 you think that it's just not representative of</p> <p>18 the facility as a whole?</p> <p>19 A I think it's not representative of the area</p> <p>20 that's being inspected as a whole. Just because</p> <p>21 a wall vent may be dirty doesn't mean that the</p> <p>22 airflow -- that the air can't flow through it.</p> <p>23 If an outside of a vent is dirty doesn't</p> <p>24 necessarily mean air can't flow through. I think</p> <p>25 that they -- that's what I think.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 A DOC doesn't do medical evaluations of the</p> <p>2 incarcerated individuals, nor are we -- nor do we</p> <p>3 have that information available to us.</p> <p>4 So if the medical provider tells us</p> <p>5 that people are at risk, we work to get them --</p> <p>6 to get them released from prison -- from jail.</p> <p>7 Q Do you do anything within the facility among</p> <p>8 people who are still incarcerated to determine</p> <p>9 who's -- who's high risk, who's medium risk,</p> <p>10 who's low risk, and to take protective measures</p> <p>11 within the facilities in which those people are</p> <p>12 housed according to risk level?</p> <p>13 A So again, if the medical staff tells us that</p> <p>14 individuals are higher risk -- so we cohorted our</p> <p>15 older inmates in NIC during COVID, that's because</p> <p>16 medical told us that this number of inmates were</p> <p>17 at risk and they wanted them housed at NIC closer</p> <p>18 to the medical staff, closer to the infirmary</p> <p>19 areas, and we did that.</p> <p>20 But DOC, itself, does not have access</p> <p>21 to an individual's medical information so we</p> <p>22 could not make that assessment.</p> <p>23 Q I want to next ask you about outtakes. How do</p> <p>24 you -- how do you process or discharges from</p> <p>25 Rikers? You test inmates before discharging them</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 Q Okay. But -- but in terms of the -- just the</p> <p>2 bare facts reported in these attachments we've</p> <p>3 just been talking about in the last few exhibits,</p> <p>4 the fact that a certain floor or bedding area was</p> <p>5 found to be dirty or that a certain vent was</p> <p>6 found to be dusty, you don't disagree with that</p> <p>7 bare fact, correct?</p> <p>8 A I don't disagree with what the individual</p> <p>9 statement is. I disagree with their overall</p> <p>10 evaluation of an area.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A I don't believe that they look at an area as a</p> <p>13 whole and follow the sanitation protocol to</p> <p>14 evaluate the overall sanitation of an area.</p> <p>15 Just because a vent is dirty doesn't</p> <p>16 mean that an entire area is dirty. Just because</p> <p>17 you have a few missing tiles doesn't mean the</p> <p>18 area is dirty, and I think that this report</p> <p>19 packages things to make it look worse than it is.</p> <p>20 Q I want to ask you some questions about the</p> <p>21 triaging of risk among inmates. So just the</p> <p>22 general question first off, does DOC do anything</p> <p>23 to triage inmates or assess inmates according to</p> <p>24 the level of the risk level that they face from</p> <p>25 COVID-19?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 into the community?</p> <p>2 A I don't know, you would have to ask CHS.</p> <p>3 Q Do you have any expectations that you place on</p> <p>4 Correctional Health Services as to whether they</p> <p>5 do that?</p> <p>6 A I don't understand the question.</p> <p>7 Q Well, I mean, it's -- I'm trying to understand</p> <p>8 how Correctional Health Services fits into the</p> <p>9 overall operations. DOC has overall charge of</p> <p>10 running the City of New York's correctional</p> <p>11 operations, correct?</p> <p>12 A Yeah, so we work hand-in-hand with CHS. So we</p> <p>13 did a lot of things for COVID that we had never</p> <p>14 done before.</p> <p>15 Our new admission inmates stay in new</p> <p>16 admission housing for at least 14 days and until</p> <p>17 medical clears them to be transferred to regular</p> <p>18 housing.</p> <p>19 We created what we call asymptomatic</p> <p>20 exposed housing area. So if an individual in a</p> <p>21 housing area was symptomatic or positive for</p> <p>22 COVID, the medical staff informed DOC and we</p> <p>23 quarantined the housing area, for lack of a</p> <p>24 better term, even though nobody else in the</p> <p>25 housing area was sick.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 So we took the symptomatic person and</p> <p>2 transferred them to either rest facilities or</p> <p>3 EMTC for the men and the rest of the housing area</p> <p>4 stayed where they were. No one else went in, no</p> <p>5 one else came out until medical determined that</p> <p>6 the people in the housing area were not sick so</p> <p>7 we weren't taking somebody who may be in an</p> <p>8 incubation period and transferred them throughout</p> <p>9 the facility. So it's working hand-in-hand with</p> <p>10 the medical staff.</p> <p>11 Q And I appreciate all that. My -- my question is</p> <p>12 a little bit more conceptual in terms of in</p> <p>13 dealing with COVID and things like testing, for</p> <p>14 instance, is it a situation where DOC goes to</p> <p>15 Correctional Health Services and says, Hey, we</p> <p>16 need to make sure that we've got an adequate</p> <p>17 testing protocol, you all at Correctional Health</p> <p>18 Services develop a testing protocol for us and</p> <p>19 implement it, or is it instead a situation that's</p> <p>20 more like, DOC says, Well, we -- we just don't --</p> <p>21 that's not our thing, testing; Correctional</p> <p>22 Health Services, if you -- if you want to test</p> <p>23 people, do it, but we're not even going to have</p> <p>24 anything to do with that conversation?</p> <p>25 I'm trying to understand does -- is DOC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Keenan) Who does CHS report to</p> <p>2 ultimately?</p> <p>3 A They're a part of HAC (phonetic) and they report</p> <p>4 to the mayor, I believe, like the rest of the</p> <p>5 agency.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. But -- but say that DOC thinks that</p> <p>7 Correctional Health Services is not doing its job</p> <p>8 well or should do something differently, does DOC</p> <p>9 have any authority over CHS to change or direct</p> <p>10 change in the way CHS is doing things?</p> <p>11 A So I believe if we didn't agree with something</p> <p>12 CHS was doing, it would be up to city hall to</p> <p>13 determine which way it should go. They are --</p> <p>14 they are equal partners that work in this. We</p> <p>15 are responsible for care, custody and control,</p> <p>16 getting people ready to go back into the</p> <p>17 community, and CHS is responsible for the medical</p> <p>18 staff.</p> <p>19 But I can tell you throughout COVID,</p> <p>20 our commissioner, Patsy Yang, those of us in the</p> <p>21 executive team worked daily, hourly, nightly,</p> <p>22 weekends with CHS to come up with the best</p> <p>23 possible program and procedure that we could to</p> <p>24 keep our incarcerated individuals safe, whether</p> <p>25 it was recommending that they get released</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 exercising overall charge and responsibility for</p> <p>2 Rikers and using Correctional Health Services to</p> <p>3 fulfill that function of running a safe and</p> <p>4 sanitary facility, or are these two separate</p> <p>5 entities that really are equals to each other and</p> <p>6 they're each kind of doing their own thing?</p> <p>7 A So they're not doing their --</p> <p>8 MR. THAYER: Ms. Feeney, I need to</p> <p>9 object.</p> <p>10 A -- own thing at all.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Huh?</p> <p>12 MR. THAYER: I just said objection, but</p> <p>13 you can answer, Ms. Feeney.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry.</p> <p>15 A They're not doing their own thing at all. We</p> <p>16 work hand-in-hand very, very closely together</p> <p>17 with CHS. They are the medical professionals.</p> <p>18 Together we work with the public health</p> <p>19 professionals to come up with the best plan for</p> <p>20 our agency, but CHS is responsible for the</p> <p>21 medical care of the incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>22 And CHS and DOC together figure out what is the</p> <p>23 best safest way to house people and have</p> <p>24 everybody safe as can be all the time, and</p> <p>25 especially during COVID.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 because of their risk level, whether it was</p> <p>2 creating this whole new housing system that we</p> <p>3 never had before. So we work very well together.</p> <p>4 Q All right. So to go back to the issue -- you</p> <p>5 said DOC's responsibilities, one of them is to</p> <p>6 prepare inmates to go back in to the community,</p> <p>7 if that's where they're headed, right?</p> <p>8 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q Is that a yes?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Is part of that to ensure that once they</p> <p>12 get discharged, that they are not a threat to the</p> <p>13 community?</p> <p>14 A Well, I don't know that we could ever say who is</p> <p>15 discharged is not going to be a threat to the</p> <p>16 community, but --</p> <p>17 Q To minimize that threat, to take reasonable</p> <p>18 measures to minimize it, would you agree with</p> <p>19 that?</p> <p>20 A I would say yes. But when it comes to doing</p> <p>21 medical testing, that is CHS' bailiwick. It's</p> <p>22 not DOC's bailiwick.</p> <p>23 Q Have you discussed with CHS whether to do testing</p> <p>24 of inmates before they are discharged?</p> <p>25 A I have not, no.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p> <p>1 MR. KEENAN: Let's go to another</p> <p>2 exhibit and you tell us which number this will</p> <p>3 be. It's the Legal Aid letter to of September 4,</p> <p>4 2020. I'm not sure if that's been marked yet,</p> <p>5 Julia, or not.</p> <p>6 MS. GOKHBERG: It is not. It will be</p> <p>7 Exhibit 32.</p> <p>8 (Deposition Exhibit 32 marked.)</p> <p>9 MR. KEENAN: Okay. Let's bring that</p> <p>10 up, please.</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Keenan) This is Exhibit 32,</p> <p>12 Ms. Feeney. It's a six-page document, a letter</p> <p>13 dated September 4, 2020 from the Legal Aid</p> <p>14 Society, written to Commissioner Brann, as well</p> <p>15 as Elizabeth Glazer in the Mayor's Office of</p> <p>16 Criminal Justice. Do you recognize this</p> <p>17 document?</p> <p>18 A Excuse me. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. You've seen it before and read it before?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. All right. Let's go to the second and</p> <p>22 third pages, you'll see some reports here. And</p> <p>23 having read this letter, you would have read this</p> <p>24 before, some reports of observations of officers,</p> <p>25 including in August, of officers and staff not</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 104</p> <p>1 me to tell me somebody refused to put their mask</p> <p>2 on.</p> <p>3 So if Legal Aid had given us actual</p> <p>4 dates and times, we could have gone back to video</p> <p>5 and see if these were, you know, were truthful.</p> <p>6 Q Did you follow up and ask for specific dates and</p> <p>7 times?</p> <p>8 A I did not speak to the Legal Aid Society, no.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know if anybody else did?</p> <p>10 A I do not.</p> <p>11 Q We talked earlier today about discipline. Where</p> <p>12 will we find out whether anyone has been</p> <p>13 disciplined, or where would documentation of</p> <p>14 discipline, if there has been any, for not</p> <p>15 wearing masks or gloves, where would that be</p> <p>16 contained?</p> <p>17 A Okay, there's no mandate to wear gloves.</p> <p>18 Q Okay, so masks, let's deal with masks. Where --</p> <p>19 where -- if there has been any discipline for not</p> <p>20 wearing a mask by a staff member, where would</p> <p>21 that be documented, if anywhere?</p> <p>22 A If it is going through progressive discipline,</p> <p>23 the first level would be in the facility because</p> <p>24 that would have been a corrective interview.</p> <p>25 Then if a CD, a command discipline, was</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 103</p> <p>1 wearing masks. And these are just anecdotal</p> <p>2 observations. Do you have a position on whether</p> <p>3 you think this is true or not true?</p> <p>4 A I do not. And because there were no particular</p> <p>5 dates and times given, there was no way for us to</p> <p>6 do a video review to see if it was true or not.</p> <p>7 Q Is there any process in place for reviewing video</p> <p>8 at Rikers to determine whether officers and staff</p> <p>9 are wearing masks or not?</p> <p>10 A Yes. I explained to you earlier that my</p> <p>11 compliance and safety center has been doing that,</p> <p>12 while they're doing their regular -- their</p> <p>13 regular viewing.</p> <p>14 Q What's -- what's their process for that? How do</p> <p>15 they select what video to review at what times</p> <p>16 and what locations and for how long?</p> <p>17 A So they generally look at live feed because it's</p> <p>18 a peer mentoring program, so we -- there's a</p> <p>19 schedule of particular topics that they look at</p> <p>20 at a particular time, a couple of hours for -- on</p> <p>21 particular days. And while looking at those</p> <p>22 things, if we see that staff are not wearing</p> <p>23 their masks, then we'll call and ask them to do</p> <p>24 so. And for the most part -- actually, I think</p> <p>25 all the time, I don't think once they had to call</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p> <p>1 issued, that would be in the CD's computer</p> <p>2 application. I don't know what you call it,</p> <p>3 their computer application that all the command</p> <p>4 disciplines are in.</p> <p>5 And for non-uniformed staff, again if</p> <p>6 it went above a corrective interview, it would be</p> <p>7 labor relation.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know why there was only a directive to use</p> <p>9 infrared thermometers issued in September, why it</p> <p>10 took that long to issue a directive on that?</p> <p>11 A Because we were using the handheld thermometers</p> <p>12 prior to that. And the infrared cameras are --</p> <p>13 their camera that you -- when you walk in the</p> <p>14 building, it kind of reads your heat signature.</p> <p>15 Before that, we used handheld thermometers that</p> <p>16 someone held and held up to your head.</p> <p>17 Q We talked today about audit reports, what -- can</p> <p>18 you walk us through what the process is for</p> <p>19 audits and how that process works?</p> <p>20 A Sure. Each captain is required to audit their</p> <p>21 assigned areas three times during an eight-hour</p> <p>22 period normal tour.</p> <p>23 There is an audit form that has them</p> <p>24 check the things: Is there soap, are the</p> <p>25 incarcerated individuals wearing masks, do they</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 have masks, are the staff wearing masks, are  2 there masks available in the housing unit areas,  3 are sanitation supplies available, and it lists  4 the different ones out, and did you receive any  5 complaints from the incarcerated individual. It  6 seems like there's one other thing that I'm  7 missing. Oh, and what time was the last  8 sanitation performed.</p> <p>9 If any of those things are found to not  10 be in compliance, the captain is required to  11 abate it immediately. That report gets submitted  12 at the end of the tour to the tour commander and  13 it then gets forwarded to the chief of facility  14 operations and AC Antoine (phonetic.)</p> <p>15 And then in addition to that, my staff  16 and the chief of facility operations staff go and  17 audit four or five housing areas in the intake  18 every day in different facilities, they rotate  19 the housing areas, so it's like an audit of an  20 audit.</p> <p>21 And then we have -- and they'll do the  22 same thing, and then we have the cast monitoring.  23 So there's a lot of people looking at this, not  24 to mention the managers and supervisors who are  25 touring on the facilities regularly.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 what we do until maintenance repairs the  2 dispensers.</p> <p>3 MR. KEENAN: Looking over some notes  4 here.</p> <p>5 MR. THAYER: It's 3:03. I'm not sure  6 how much further you have to go, but --</p> <p>7 MR. KEENAN: No, I think I'm done.  8 Give me -- give me one minute just to check with  9 the other folks on my team. I mean, if we have  10 any more, it's like literally two minutes.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: No problem.</p> <p>12 MR. KEENAN: Just give me a second  13 here. I'm going to pause the recording.  14 (Off the record.)</p> <p>15 MR. KEENAN: We're back on the record  16 after a short break. Very close to being done  17 here, Commissioner Feeney.</p> <p>18 Q (By Mr. Keenan) So what I'd loop back to  19 staff, would you agree with me that at this  20 present point in time, the biggest risk for an  21 inmate contracting COVID would come from  22 exposure to staff who might be bringing COVID  23 in from outside the facility?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. So, and I know we've talked a lot about</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 Q Where is this all documented, where are these  2 reports kept?</p> <p>3 A They're uploaded on a Z drive on your computer  4 system.</p> <p>5 Q Have your audits, the audits conducted by you and  6 your team, the audits of the audits, found any  7 deficiencies in the availability of anything  8 ever?</p> <p>9 A Maybe once or twice but not -- no, we are -- if  10 they do find anything, it's abated right away.  11 The thing -- I think they found, probably more  12 than anything, would be an inoperable dispenser,  13 and then until maintenance repairs it, we would  14 get the chemicals from the adjacent housing area.</p> <p>15 Q You said an inoperable dispenser, what would that  16 mean?</p> <p>17 A So the dispenser that I spoke to you about, once  18 or twice we found inoperable dispensers that had  19 to be repaired, like the knob popped off or the  20 hose popped off or the hose popped off type  21 thing. So the staff has instructed to get the  22 chemical from the adjacent housing area.</p> <p>23 Most housing areas have an A and B side  24 and a north and south side, so it's easy to get  25 the chemicals from the adjacent side, and that's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 testing today so forgive me if we've already  2 discussed this, but I want to make sure it's  3 clear on the record. There is no process in  4 place right now for the regular testing of staff,  5 correct?</p> <p>6 A Correct, although there is the ability there for  7 staff to get tested whenever they want to.</p> <p>8 Q If they choose to?</p> <p>9 A Correct.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. But there is no mandatory testing of  11 staff?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q So there's no process in place like each staff  14 member gets tested every two weeks or at any  15 regular interval, correct?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q And there is no process for random testing of  18 staff, is there?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Commissioner Feeney, are there any answers  21 you gave today that you feel the need to correct,  22 change or amend in any way?</p> <p>23 A I don't think so.</p> <p>24 MR. KEENAN: Okay. I appreciate your  25 time today and I have no further questions for</p>



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1 you at this time.

2 THE WITNESS: Thank you so much. Have

3 a great day.

4 MR. KEENAN: You, too. No questions

5 from the City?

6 MR. THAYER: No.

7 MR. KEENAN: Okay. All right. Thank

8 you so much and I appreciate everybody's time.

9 Everybody have a really good rest of your day.

10 (Deposition concluded.)

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1 CERTIFICATE

2 STATE OF MISSOURI )

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4 COUNTY OF JACKSON )

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6 I, TRICIA D. TATE, a Certified Court

7 Reporter, do certify that pursuant to Notice to

8 Take Deposition, via videoconference,

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10 PATRICIA FEENEY

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12 came before me, was by me duly sworn to testify

13 the whole truth of her knowledge of the matters

14 in controversy aforesaid, was examined and her

15 examination then written in shorthand by me and

16 afterwards typed, the reading and the signing

17 of the deposition being expressly requested by

18 witness, and said deposition is herewith

19 returned.

20 I further certify that I am not

21 counsel, attorney, or relative of either party,

22 or clerk or stenographer of either party, or,

23 otherwise interested in the event of this suit.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my

hand and seal this 23rd day of November, 2020.

20 /s/Tricia D. Tate

21 Missouri C.S.R. 1240

22 Kansas C.C.R. 1609

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1 I, PATRICIA FEENEY, have read the foregoing

2 deposition, and hereby affix my signature that same

3 is true and correct except as noted above.

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6 PATRICIA FEENEY

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8 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:

9 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_:

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11 Before me,

12 on this day personally PATRICIA FEENEY, known to

13 me (or proved to me on the oath of \_\_\_\_\_

14 or through (description of

15 identity card or other document) to be the person

16 whose name is subscribed to the foregoing

17 instrument and acknowledged to me that they

18 executed the same for the purposes and

19 consideration therein expressed.

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21 Given under my hand and seal of office

22 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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24 Notary Public in and for

25 the State of \_\_\_\_\_:

My Commission expires:

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